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Britain rides the waves at the start of a great summer of sport

Hussain: majestic 207

By Alan Hamilton

ENGLISHMEN wake up this morning to a rare red letter day of sport, with so much uncharacteristic glory confronting them that they may have to pinch themselves to be sure it is not all a distant dream.

The start of the day's tour of the improbable is at 11am at Edgbaston where, weather permitting, a miraculously revived England cricket XI will finish their first-innings demolition of the Australians, widely regarded as the world's strongest side.

Spectators soured by constant disappointment could barely believe the dismissal of Australia for a mere 118 on Thursday. Yesterday's continued England batting was a majestic bonus, topped by Nasser Hussain's 207 and Graham Thorpe's 138. With a stand of 288, the pair broke the record set in 1938 for the fourth wicket in an England-Australia game.

This, admittedly, is only one innings in one Test of the series. But it will not dampen English joy, given that England have not won a series against Australia since 1987 under Mike Gatting.

The triumphant tour's next stop is at 2.15, when the British Lions, storming through South Africa, kick off against Northern Transvaal. The Lions have won all four of their matches so far, scoring a massive 200 points.

The match in Pretoria will be in its dying minutes when the happy picture switches to Epsom at 3.45. Bookmakers expect to take as much as £40 million on today's Derby, with some of the biggest money going on Entrepreneur, the 4-5 favourite and winner of last month's Pertemps 2,000 Guineas.

Simon Clare, spokesman for Coral, the bookmakers, said: "If Entrepreneur wins the Derby, it will be our worst result in the short term. But, in the long run, it will be fantastic for racing and betting. If the hype proves right, we could witness something very, very special today."

After a brief respite, Englishmen may return to the edge of their seats at 7.30, when the England national rugby squad faces Argentina in Buenos Aires. In the first match of their tour, England, despite losing many of their key players to the Lions squad, gave the Argentinians a 46-20 drubbing.

Then, at 7.45, the football. English soccer's revival in recent days almost matches the cricket. Heads have been held high since Glenn Hoddle's men beat Italy 2-0 on Wednesday. Sadly, the match was not a World Cup qualifier, unlike that last Saturday, when England thrashed Poland 2-0. Indeed, in all their away World Cup qualifiers so far, England have conceded not one goal.

Tonight they play France in Montpellier, and even the French are seeing their old adversaries in a new light. The image of England being followed by a trail of hooliganism seems to have at least partly evaporated; instead, the French are so impressed with the team, its skills, lifestyle, even its national strip, that Hoddle's men are becoming known across the Channel as *Les Chics*.

But, on this sunny sporting morning, there is one serious challenge left for England to confront, one that they might not even have dared contemplate a week ago. They must now entice the French into playing them at cricket.

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Blair tells Kohl: our borders must stay

From Roger Boyes and Jill Sherman in Bonn

TONY BLAIR gave a warning to Helmut Kohl last night that he could not sign up to a new treaty on Europe's future in Amsterdam in ten days' time unless Britain's border controls remained legally intact.

Displaying growing confidence on the European stage, Mr Blair promised in Bonn last night to try to set the agenda in the European Union. He was speaking after a meeting with the German Chancellor in which he laid out his "bottom line" demands, "including specific additions to the employment chapter to boost jobs and strict convergence criteria for a single currency".

Herr Kohl came away from the meeting feeling that he could do business with the British Prime Minister, but wary of suggestions that the meeting signalled the beginning of a new three-way Franco-German-British entente.

That was the view offered by Bonn officials yesterday after a working summit that went some way towards easing the many months of tension between Britain and Germany. Good timing helped the visit: Bonn has at last come round to an employment chapter being approved at the Amsterdam summit. Both Mr Blair and the Chancellor agreed that there should be no new spending on jobs, no new powers for Brussels on employment issues, and no impact on the preparations for a European single currency.

The Chancellor also encouraged Mr Blair to believe that Germany was fully committed to the Euro-fighter, which is due to be manufactured by Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain. Despite Germany's huge budget problems, it seems certain that some funds will be found to cover production investment costs in 1998. The Chancellor was vague about details, although other officials have indicated that funds from the Airbus project would be diverted to help Euro-fighter.

Mr Blair used his first one-to-one meeting with Mr Kohl to set out his stall for the intergovernmental conference in Amsterdam next weekend. He set himself up as just as tough a negotiator as John Major, with no intention of selling out to his European colleagues. At the top of yesterday's agenda was his refusal to compromise over his demand for legal protection for British frontiers to be written into the Maastricht treaty, which is now being resisted by Wim Kok, the Dutch Prime Minister.

Earlier, at a bilateral meeting at the Socialist leaders' congress in Malmo in Sweden, Mr Blair and Mr Kok disagreed strongly over Britain's determination to keep its border controls legally intact. Most other European countries are now arguing for border controls to be lifted across Europe.

The Dutch, who now have presidency of the EU, are insisting that this should be written into the Maastricht treaty II at Amsterdam and that Britain should be given an opt-out. But Mr Blair is adamant that he does not want any more opt-outs and instead wants protection for British frontiers.

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The Times sales forge ahead

The Times **is the most successful national daily newspaper in Britain, according to the latest ABC sales figures. Average daily sales in May were 756,535, an increase of 37,227 over April, the biggest of any national daily in the month after the general election. Sales are up by 80,000 on a year ago and by 11.8 percent, the biggest percentage increase of any national daily. Sales of *The Daily Telegraph* fell by 1,100 last month.**

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MICHAEL POWELL

Congestion on the Cam: punts fight for space in the Cambridge river yesterday. One bursar said that tourists were becoming "a hell of a nuisance" during examinations

Cambridge fires broadside at flotillas of punts

By Damian Whitworth

ONE of the most charming and enduring images of Cambridge — punting along the Backs on a lazy summer afternoon — is becoming one of the city's biggest headaches.

A dramatic increase in the number of tourists taking to the river is leading to gridlock on the Cam and a level of rowdiness that is disturbing the peace of academe. Incensed colleges have called for tighter policing of the stretches of the river that wash their ancient walls.

Richard Robinson, the bursar of St John's, through which the Cam runs, said: "Just yesterday a horde of French schoolchildren decided to moor, get out of their punts and strip off and jump in. They were right in the middle of the college where people were trying to study for exams. It was a hell of a nuisance."

Professor Michael Chisholm, chairman of the Cam Conservators, who maintain the river, said that he was alarmed by the flotillas of punts jamming the river. "People may be turned off the Cam because it is just so crowded and unpleasant."

More than three million tourists visit Cambridge every year. But it is not just tourists who are the problem. Yesterday while high jinks by students were very much in evidence. The punting companies insist that they do not allow anyone obviously inebriated to get into a punt. The answer seems to be to get drunk in the punt. Two boats racing each other past Trinity College carried a weighty cargo of beer and sent a party of Japanese tourists spinning into the bank.

Camelot pay row settled

The row over Camelot "fat cat" pay was resolved when senior directors agreed to give part of their bonuses to charity.

The deal, which was brokered on Thursday evening, averted a showdown with government officials. Tim Holley, Camelot's chief executive, and his senior colleagues had threatened to resign rather than give up their bonuses ....Pages 2, 23

Aitken explains his stay at Ritz

Jonathan Aitken, the former Tory minister, denied that he had misled Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, over who paid for his stay at the Ritz Hotel in Paris.

On the third day of his libel action against *The Guardian* and Granada TV he admitted "sharp editing" of a letter about his stay there but denied dishonesty ....Page 5

Jobs equality

People with a history of mental illness are being recruited as nursing and care assistants by the Pathfinder Mental Health Services NHS trust in south London in an equal opportunities drive..... Page 8

Ivory trade call

Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe are going to press for a partial lifting of the worldwide ban on trading ivory at an international wildlife trade conference starting tomorrow in Harare ....Page 10

Bank increases mortgage costs

By Alasdair Murray and Caroline Merrell

THE newly independent Bank of England yesterday seized its first chance to raise interest rates, leaving millions of homeowners facing higher mortgage costs.

The Bank put up its base lending rate by a quarter point to 6.5 per cent, the second rate increase in less than a month. The City expects further rises over the summer, to at least 7 per cent.

The high street banks immediately followed the Bank of England's lead, increasing their mortgage rates by an average of 0.35 per cent. Economists expect a further blow for homeowners in the Budget on July 2, when Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, is expected to restrict Miras or mortagage interest rate relief. A total abolition of Miras would add an extra £27 to the average mortgage.

Yesterday's rate rise came on the same day that two million Halifax members who have opted to sell their shares when the building society converted to a bank were able to claim their share of an £18 billion windfall pay-out.

For the average borrower, however, the rate rise will in one year cancel out the value of the shares they may have received after the flotation of the society this week. The increase in rates means that a Halifax borrower with a 25-year £60,000 repayment mortgage will pay £436.60 a month — £12.60 more than under the old rate of 7.6 per cent.

The two biggest remaining building societies, the Nationwide and the Bradford and Bingley, left their mortgage rates unchanged at 7.35 per cent. The Building Societies Association blamed the mortgage rises on its former member, the Halifax, because it has to pay dividends.

The average mortgage is at the highest level for two years. But homeowners are likely to face a further rise because the Bank of England is expected to increase rates again in its battle to control inflation.

The Bank, which was given the power to raise rates under the Labour Government last month, has become worried in recent months about rising consumer spending.

CBI wants tax rise, page 27

Brown: may scrap Miras

Consultant questioned after wife found dead

By Stephen Farrell

A CONSULTANT obstetrician was being questioned by detectives last night after his wife was found beaten to death on the patio at their family home.

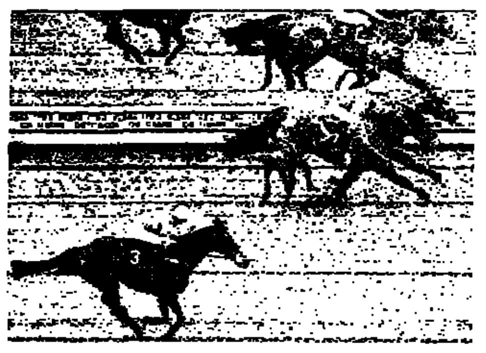
Vivian Grant Harris, 51, a gynaecologist at Lewisham Hospital, was arrested after the police were called to the house in Beckenham, southeast London, on Thursday afternoon.

The body of Justina Harris, 37, was lying in the rear garden and a post-mortem examination showed injuries to the back and head. The couple have two children, a boy aged ten and a girl of seven.

Mr Harris, a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, is a Territorial Army medical officer with 289 Commando Battery, Royal Artillery, based at Woolwich, southeast London.

The couple's large detached house stands well back from the tree-lined road in an affluent area. Neighbours described Mrs Harris, a former nurse, as a doting mother.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said: "We are treating this as a murder investigation. A 51-year-old man was arrested at the house and is currently being questioned about the incident at Orpington Police Station."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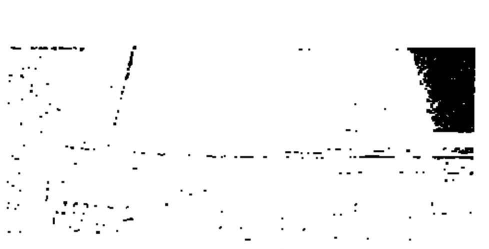
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Camelot 'fat cats' donate part-bonus to charity

BY JON ASHWORTH AND CAROL MIDGLEY

THE row over Camelot "fat-cat" pay was resolved yesterday when senior directors agreed to donate part of their bonuses to charity.

The deal, agreed in last-minute negotiations on Thursday evening, headed off a showdown with government officials. Tim Holley, Camelot's chief executive, and his senior colleagues had threatened to resign rather than give up their bonuses.

The solution emerged after Camelot shareholders and executives met in London yesterday morning. Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, welcomed the pledge on bonuses, saying: "I now regard the matter as closed. The Government will press on with its plans to make the National Lottery more a People's Lottery."

Mr Smith prompted the showdown by rejecting earlier concessions from Camelot as inadequate. He demanded personal sacrifices from Camelot's directors, saying their generous pay packages threatened to alienate the lottery-playing public, and could harm ticket sales. Mr Holley received remuneration of £590,000 last year.

Under the compromise, Mr Holley and his colleagues will not give up any of the bonuses which sparked the furore. Instead, they will give up some of the next round of long-term bonuses, payable in the autumn.

Mr Holley was paid £176,000 under Camelot's long-term incentive plan for 1996. His colleagues each received £96,000. The next tranche of payments is likely to be considerably lower.

Sir George Russell, chairman of Camelot, said part of the directors' bonuses would be paid into a joint fund which will be given directly to charity. Camelot's remuneration committee will monitor the payments, details of which will not be made public. Mr Smith said he felt confident the amounts would be "substantial". Speaking outside Camelot's headquarters in London — directly opposite Mr Smith's office at the Heritage Department — David Rigg, director of communications, said he had not yet decided whether he would give to the fund.

Asked if Camelot had effectively forced a retreat from the Government, Mr Rigg said: "I have every expectation and belief that Sir George Russell and Chris Smith will be entirely pleased with the outcome." He added: "I feel we have got a serious basis for moving forward now."

Camelot had also agreed that interest from the prize fund shortfall (money set aside for prizes which are not won) will now be passed to good causes rather than Camelot's coffers. This could amount to £24 million during the period to 2001, when the company's licence expires.

The Government is now expected to work with Camelot to raise the maximum for good causes. Mr Smith said Camelot and its suppliers had done "an outstanding job", and Camelot would not be excluded from applying for the lottery licence when it comes up for renewal. The department is taking submissions on how the lottery could be run on a non-profitmaking basis.

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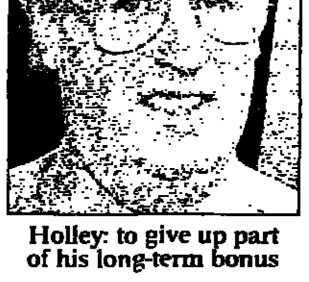
Holley: to give up part of his long-term bonus

ALAN BETSON

Bride Mary Murphy voting in Springfield yesterday on her way to church

It's far too close to call as Ireland goes to the polls

BY AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

MARY ROBINSON, the Irish President, was among the first to vote in the Republic's general election, which got off to a brisk start yesterday with about a quarter of the 2.7 million eligible votes cast by early evening.

Polling booths opened at 8am, an hour earlier than in previous elections. There was an early-morning rush to vote in the west of Ireland but democracy was exercised at a slower pace in Dublin. The turnout in an Irish election is usually between 65 and 70 per cent. However, the political parties were concerned last night that rain may have deterred voters.

Bertie Ahern, the leader of the Fianna Fail opposition tipped to be the next Prime Minister, cast his vote near his home in Drumcondra, Dublin. Mr Ahern, whose party is in an electoral alliance with the small, right-wing Progressive Democrats, said: "I believe the people of Ireland want to see change. They want to see our country modernised but they want to see it modernised in a way that's consistent with their own beliefs."

Polls show the FF/PD electoral alliance nine points ahead of Prime Minister John Bruton's "Rainbow" coalition of his own Fine Gael party with Labour and neo-Marxist Democratic Left.

But Mr Bruton said he was confident that the voters would break with history and return an incumbent Government for the first time in 30 years, rather than opting for an untried opposition alliance. Voting at his constituency in Meath, where he polled badly in 1992 and won only the third seat, Mr Bruton said: "I think there is no doubt people will go for the Rainbow. I think the choice is very clear in this election between two parties which have a proven record of not being able to get on particularly well under pressure and three parties who show they care for the weak in our society as well as the strong and can work as a team."

While the opinion polls indicated a win for Fianna Fail and the Progressive Democrats, neither coalition camp was particularly confident of a forthright result. Ireland uses proportional representation to elect the Dail, or parliament, and first preference votes count for about only 20 per cent of the 166 seats. The remainder of the seats are decided on vote transfers, making the result very difficult to call. The opinion polls also showed that 14 per cent of voters were undecided in the final week of the election.

The results of the election — the closest in recent years with a hung Dail still a possible outcome — will be known on Sunday. Recounts are expected in a number of constituencies, including Cavan/Monaghan, where Sinn Fein is hoping to win its first seat since 1981.

Inquiry into strip search of woman prisoner

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

A PRISON Service inquiry was underway last night after a woman inmate was strip searched by four male officers after she threatened to kill herself.

The Prison Officers' Association claimed that while she was naked the prisoner was forcibly held down on the floor by three male officers to allow a male doctor to carry out an internal examination. The association said that orders for the search were given by the duty governor of Highpoint jail in Suffolk over a telephone from home.

The officers were allegedly threatened with the loss of their jobs when they protested at being told to strip search the woman, according to Ron Adams, a POA national executive member.

Last night Richard Tilt, Director General of the Prison Service, condemned the incident, which happened last Monday at Highpoint North, a low security jail, near Newmarket. He said: "It is unacceptable for a female prisoner to be searched in this way."

Asked about the POA allegations, Mr Tilt said: "We must wait and see what the inquiry finds." He said he had no evidence to suggest that bullying had taken place. Mr Tilt warned that if members of the jail's management team or prison officers were found to have done things against prison policy, the service would take disciplinary action against them.

He said the inquiry would be carried by a senior governor from another jail. It was his initial view that staff at the jail should have waited until female officers were available. There are understood to be only 14 female staff at the unit.

The search of the woman broke prison service policy which states that strip searches should be carried out by officers of the same sex as the prisoner. The incident happened after the woman attempted to set light to her cell. The search discovered a small band of metal, officers believed could have been used by the woman either as a weapon or to harm herself. The search by the officers did not include an internal examination.

Later, according to the Prison Officers Association, three of the officers were ordered to hold the naked woman down while a male doctor carried out an internal examination. Marks are understood to have been found on the woman's wrists in a medical examination that followed the search.

Right fights it out to stop Clarke

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

KENNETH CLARKE won the backing of the former Transport Secretary, Sir George Young, yesterday, and John Redwood was endorsed by the veteran Eurosceptic Sir Teddy Taylor as the five contenders in the Tory leadership election began a final scramble for undeclared votes.

Sir George said that Mr Clarke was the candidate most likely to lead the Tories to electoral victory in five years, would land punches on Labour in the Commons, and would speak with authority and experience on the central issues of the day. "While all the candidates are able people and friends of mine I believe that Ken has the extra qualities that make him an outstanding candidate."

The backing from Sir Teddy, one of the eight Tories who lost the party whip after rebelling over Europe during the last Parliament, was welcomed by the Redwood team, already buoyed by his warm reception from the right-wing 92 Group on Thursday night. Amid the claims and counter-claims yesterday, it was clear that the battle for supremacy on the Right in the first ballot, to be held next week, could be crucial to the overall outcome.

The apparent front-runner is Mr Clarke, with William Hague in second place. But the struggle between Peter Lilley, Michael Howard and Mr Redwood to finish ahead of each other is vital. The unofficial understanding between some of the supporters of all three is that the winner of the three-way battle will eventually get the support of the other two in order to knock out both Mr Hague and Mr Clarke at later stages of the contest.

Mr Lilley, who is poised to announce new backers over the next few days, was reported yesterday to be disputing claims by the Howard camp that the former Home Secretary had overhauled him and was now poised to be the champion of the Right in the final battle with Mr Clarke. Mr Howard's camp, however, was indignant over a report suggesting that he would eventually throw in the towel and come in behind Mr Clarke.

Mr Hague will today call on his party not to be mesmerised by Mr Blair just because of the size of Labour's majority.

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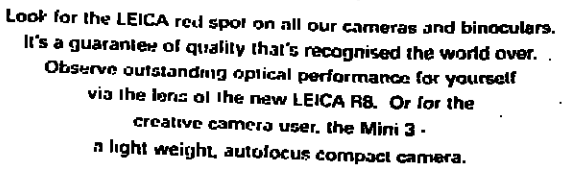
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Carpet fitter cuts his cloth as £8m dealer in the City

By Oliver August and Michael Clark

BRITAIN'S highest-paid director is a former carpet fitter who now cuts his cloth as a City trader. Newly filed accounts at Companies House show that Terry Crawley, 34, earned £8.4 million last year from dealing in bonds — in effect, betting on interest-rate changes.

Mr Crawley, a Bermondsey boy and son of a Thames bargeman, was paid more than the men who run the water and electricity companies, and many times the salaries that have earned the Camelot directors such opprobrium. He out-earned Carol Galley, the highest paid woman in the country, who made £5.4 million running the Mercury Asset Management fund business.

The all-time record for executive pay is held by Crispin Odey, a top City fund manager, who was paid £19 million in 1995 but a "mere" £175,000 this year.

But Mr Crawley has not joined the ranks of the City establishment. His company, Crawley Futures, lists two main areas of business — bond dealing and car repairs — and he leads the "south London mafia", a collection of former floor-layers, roofers and builders who now work at the London International Financial Futures Exchange (Liffe).

Crawley: highest-paid director in Britain

The traders make money by predicting the future price of shares and bonds. They buy and sell so-called futures contracts which commit them to paying a certain price for shares and bonds at a certain time. If the actual price has gone up when the contract matures, they make a profit. The contracts can also be traded before they reach their maturity date.

They are willing to take a view on anything from currencies, interest rates, commodities and even various stock markets. It is a high-risk, high-reward world with a short lifespan which can take a terrible toll on health and marriages.

The south London mafia is reputed to include some of the best traders in the market. Mr Crawley trades in the futures pit — an enclosed space where traders known as "locals" stand and shout prices — for his own company.

He made his fortune in Italian bonds, a volatile market reflecting a volatile Italian economy, which ideally suits the futures market.

According to recent market rumours, his firm made a £1 million clear profit selling Italian bonds in a morning — and the same again in the afternoon.

Insiders in the pit say Mr Crawley earns his money: "He's there first thing in the morning and the last one to leave at night."

Mr Crawley is said to be an "unassuming kind of bloke" although he enjoys the trappings of wealth. He owns a string of detached homes in the Knockholt area of Kent, each with a swimming pool. He runs a Range Rover, a Mercedes and Bentley Mulsanne Turbo.

Another pit trader declared: "Crawley is head honcho in the pit. It is a real viper's nest. If you want to trade, the chances are you will have to do it through him."

Futures traders do not conform to the stereotype of the City gent. Many were absent at last night's black-tie dinner at Syon House in Middlesex celebrating Liffe's 15th anniversary. "This is surprising seeing that they provide so much liquidity to the market," said one trader.

Around 2,000 guests attended the dinner and grand ball under canvas which is part of London Derivatives Week. The guest list included members of Liffe and overseas futures markets, politicians, government officials and clients. Entertainment included a laser show and fireworks. A spokesman for Liffe declined to say how much it cost.

"Liffe wouldn't have wanted the locals there. It might have proved embarrassing in front of all those dignitaries with the proceedings slipping into a giant bun fight," one trader said.

But Mr Crawley has not completely severed his connection with manual labour. His company, Crawley Futures, also has interests in "repairing, restoring, cleaning, maintaining, improving, altering, installing, extending or destroying any vehicle, plant, machinery or work of art", according to the company's annual accounts.

Futures traders on the floor: "a viper's nest", said one

GERRY PENNY

The Princess, adorned with a garland of roses, visiting the temple yesterday

Barefoot Princess signals danger to Neasden's monks

By Alan Hamilton

MEN who have pledged themselves to a lust-free life would be well advised not to enter the same room as Diana, Princess of Wales. Her black-painted toenails might gnaw at the very roots of their vows.

When the Princess paid a visit to the largest Hindu temple outside India yesterday, its complement of 11 sadhus — monks of shaven head and saffron robe — remained out of sight, busying themselves with study and prayer. Sadhus must avert their gaze to avoid any sight of women, may not handle money, are allowed neither possessions nor an ego, and should remain unattached to any particular person or place.

The Princess, clearly, was not for them. Male visitors are a different matter: the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, Tony Blair and John Major have all met the monks on previous visits to the temple. None, so far as is known, paints his toenails.

The Shri Swaminarayan Mandir has transformed the north London district of Neasden. Opened in 1995, it is a startling sight among the semis and the cut-price furniture warehouses. It took three years to build and employed 1,500 sculptors, 2,000 tonnes of Carrara marble, and 3,000 tonnes of limestone.

The Princess might have worn a traditional sari, but she chose instead a plain beige summer dress with gold buttons. It was when she removed her black high-heeled shoes to enter the temple that she revealed unusual reddish-black nail varnish on her toes.

In line with Hindu tradition, she received the *chandlo*, the sacred red vermilion mark on her forehead that signifies respect for a visitor. A *pujari* — a Hindu priest — recited mantras as a red thread known as a Nanda Chadhi was tied around the Princess's right wrist to symbolise an eternal bond of friendship and love. A garland of pink, red and white roses was placed around her neck, but she chose not to follow the Hindu tradition of covering the head while in a holy place.

During her barefoot tour through the cool marble interior, the Princess gazed at the temple's nine shrines, marvelling at the intricacy of their carving. Four boys from the Swaminarayan Hindu school across the street performed a traditional peacock dance for her; usually there are more, but they were sitting GCSE exams.

Inside the prayer hall, the Princess was greeted with warm applause by more than 1,000 members of the Hindu community. She crouched on the marble floor to chat to children, who were better-behaved than the adults: men and women broke ranks in an effort to shake their visitor's hand.

Teenage girls assaulted on way to college

By Russell Jenkins

THREE schoolgirls were abducted in daylight by three men in a busy town centre, bundled into the back of a van and sexually assaulted. One was raped. The girls had been on their way to a sixth-form college.

Police are looking for three Asian males believed to be in their late teens. One girl was aged 15 and the others 14. They were taking a break from school to attend a workshop at High Clarendon Sixth Form College in Hyde, Greater Manchester.

A senior police officer said it was a shocking assault. The police were called after the girls, in a distressed and dishevelled state, staggered into the college grounds at 11am on Thursday and reported the attacks to staff. They were not wearing school uniform.

One of the girls' fathers had taken them by car to the gates of Tameside Sixth Form College, only to discover it was the wrong college. Once the girls realised their mistake, they started their half-mile journey across the town to High Clarendon college. On Market Street, in Hyde, they were accosted by three young Asian men, who forced them into the back of a white Ford Transit van, which was driven a short distance before stopping. One of the younger girls was then raped and the men carried out serious sexual assaults on the other two girls before dumping them by the roadside and driving off.

Detective Chief Inspector Colin Grant, based at Ashton-under-Lyne, said: "These girls were abducted from right outside the college. What then happened to them is just awful. We are looking for three Asian men and we would also like to trace the van."

Andrew Quarmby, Vice-Principal of High Clarendon, said: "It is such an exceptional incident that we find it very difficult to come to terms with. It is quite uncharacteristic of the area. These girls were running the same risk as anybody else, making their way to an educational establishment. It was a normal morning, not late at night."

Details of their ordeal were being taken from the girls yesterday by specially trained police officers. The girls have told detectives that they were approached in the town's busy market area, where pavements are lined with market stalls. They then walked 500 yards with the men to where the van was parked in a car park.

Detective Sergeant Mark Wareing said: "There would have been a lot of people in the market. Someone must have seen something and we would appeal to them to come forward."

Dambuster bombs turn up on coast

By a Staff Reporter

ARMY engineers began a delicate operation yesterday to recover prototypes of Barnes Wallis's dambusting bouncing bombs from the Kent coast. Five bombs have been discovered on the low tide mark at Reculver, near Herne Bay, where trials for one of the most famous air-raids of the Second World War were held.

Reservists from 101 London Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment, Royal Engineers, are working to remove them. One 8,000lb bomb is identical to the Upkeep weapons dropped on the Ruhr dams.

Two are 1,200lb High Ball bombs, developed to attack battleships but never used. The other two are unknown systems because the records have been destroyed.

Captain Alan Conroy of 101 Regiment said: "The weapons are an important part of the country's military history and should be recovered for the benefit of future generations."

Judge urges Parliament to change detention law

By a Staff Reporter

A JUDGE yesterday criticised laws preventing him from imposing custodial sentences on two boys who kicked a teenager unconscious.

After watching a security video recording of the attack on 14-year-old Peter McKane, Judge Denis Clark told the boys, aged 13 and 14, that he would have liked to send them to detention. "It is about time Parliament caught up with the reality of life on the streets in our cities," he said.

"Boys of 13 and 14 are very streetwise and capable of doing wicked acts, and the sooner Parliament revises the restrictions the better."

At present judges cannot impose custodial sentences on those under the age of 15, and 15-year-olds can only receive up to two years' detention.

The two boys appeared at Liverpool Crown Court in their school uniforms with the the 15-year-old ringleader of the attack, Lee Browne. He had drunk two litres of strong cider before the attack.

Sending Browne to detention for 18 months, Judge Clark said that the video clearly showed him kicking or stamping on the victim's head eight times. Browne, of Oxton, Wirral, and his two companions had all pleaded guilty to assault causing actual bodily harm. The judge granted the 13-year-old, who wept throughout the hearing, a conditional discharge for two years. The 14-year-old was placed under supervision for two years.

Judge Clark told Browne that he was imposing a custodial sentence because he had led the attack "in great triumph". He said: "It was an attack of the utmost savagery and the boy had no chance to defend himself. You came up from behind in a cowardly manner and you picked on him just because he happened to be there. It is a chilling reminder of what is going on in our streets at night."

Donal Maguire, prosecuting, said the incident occured about 8pm on December 6 when Peter McKane was walking through the Grange shopping precinct in Birkenhead with three friends. The recording from a closed circuit television camera showed the trio coming up behind the group. Browne knocked Peter to the ground and they then kicked him. Browne was seen repeatedly kicking him and stamping on his head, and after the 13-year-old ran up and took a kick one of Peter's trainers flew off.

Mr Maguire said that the cameras were being monitored by security staff and the incident ended after guards ran to the scene. Peter was taken to hospital and detained overnight. He still suffers headaches, and one of his companions has post-traumatic stress disorder.

England kit sponsor fears rival team

By Joanna Bale

THE England football kit sponsor is taking legal action to stop the Liverpool player Steve McManaman signing with a rival firm.

Umbro Europe issued a High Court writ on Wednesday applying for an injunction to make McManaman, 25, keep the terms of his boot contract, which has two years to run.

The contract, which McManaman signed as an 18-year-old, is worth an estimated £6,000 a year. According to sources, the England and Newcastle star Alan Shearer gets more than 50 times more from Umbro.

Earlier this year, McManaman was reported to be on the verge of signing a £1 million deal with the American sportswear giant Nike. The four-year contract would have boosted his earnings to an estimated £15,000 a week. Umbro was said to be fighting hard to keep him but was allegedly unable to compete with Nike's financial package.

Simon Marsh, sports marketing manager of Umbro Europe, said yesterday: "We deeply regret having to take this course of action, but we believe we have got an enforceable agreement which concludes in July 2000. I cannot discuss the matter further due to confidentiality clauses within the contract."

The writ was issued on Wednesday after moves by McManaman's lawyers to free him from the Umbro contract to pursue more lucrative deals. Gerrard Tyrrell, of McManaman's London solicitors, Harbottle and Lewis, said: "Steve had no legal advice when he signed an agreement with Umbro binding him for a long period of time.

"We were asked to look at it and we do not believe it is a binding contract because it is a restraint of trade, for reasons which I am not prepared to discuss. The contract is not worth very much, just a few thousand pounds. We believe he is effectively out of the agreement. He's very sad that matters have come to this stage."

Mr Tyrrell denied reports that McManaman was on the verge of signing a contract with Nike, but said: "The next logical step would obviously be for him to get a new deal."

McManaman said last night: "I signed the contract when I was an inexperienced 18-year-old, before I had got into the first team. I'm prepared to go to court if needs be. Of course I am looking after myself, but I am also in the position where I can make a stand and it might help other young players finding themselves in the same situation."

☐ The Spice Girls yesterday failed to win the power from a High Court judge to ban distribution of a sticker album carrying their photographs. They complained that it was not marked "unofficial" and would seriously harm sales of their own forthcoming product.

Mr Justice Lightman refused to issue an injunction against the Italian makers, Panini, and W.H. Smith, the newsagent and bookseller.

McManaman: signed boots deal at age of 18

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Aitken denies misleading Butler over stay at Ritz

By Michael Horsnell

Jonathan Aitken, left, and Sir Robin Butler

JONATHAN AITKEN denied yesterday that he had misled Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, over who paid for his stay at the Ritz Hotel in Paris. The former Tory minister told the High Court that he pleaded guilty to "sharp editing" of a letter about his stay, but he denied dishonesty.

In a series of exchanges with George Carman, QC, on the third day of his libel action, Mr Aitken denied misleading Sir Robin by misquoting a letter he had requested from the hotel about the payment of his bill in 1993. The former Chief Secretary to the Treasury said the sharp editing of the letter was not to deceive Sir Robin, but to put *The Guardian* off the scent.

During the cross examination, no details of what was in either the letter from The Ritz to Mr Aitken, or his letter to Sir Robin Butler, were given.

Mr Aitken, 54, is suing the newspaper and Granada TV, which claimed that his business career and fortune depended upon his connection with the Saudi royal family. They alleged he had a business meeting with prominent Arabs at the hotel while he was a minister of the Crown, and that his bill was paid by them in breach of guidelines on ministerial conduct.

Mr Carman, counsel for the newspaper and Granada, put it to him: "If His Lordship [Mr Justice Popplewell] has to make the melancholy decision that you have lied to the Cabinet Secretary, you have lied to the Prime Minister, you have lied to the House of Commons, and to this court on all occasions to do with your stay at The Ritz, you would accept that such a series of lies would prove you totally unfit for public office?"

Mr Aitken: "I don't accept any of those melodramatic, hypothetical allegations you are putting to me."

Asked if he accepted that he failed in his duty to Sir Robin because he had not told him the full context of the letter concerning the disputed bill, Mr Aitken said his own letter to the Cabinet Secretary about The Ritz letter had been intended to "throw dust in the eyes" of *The Guardian*.

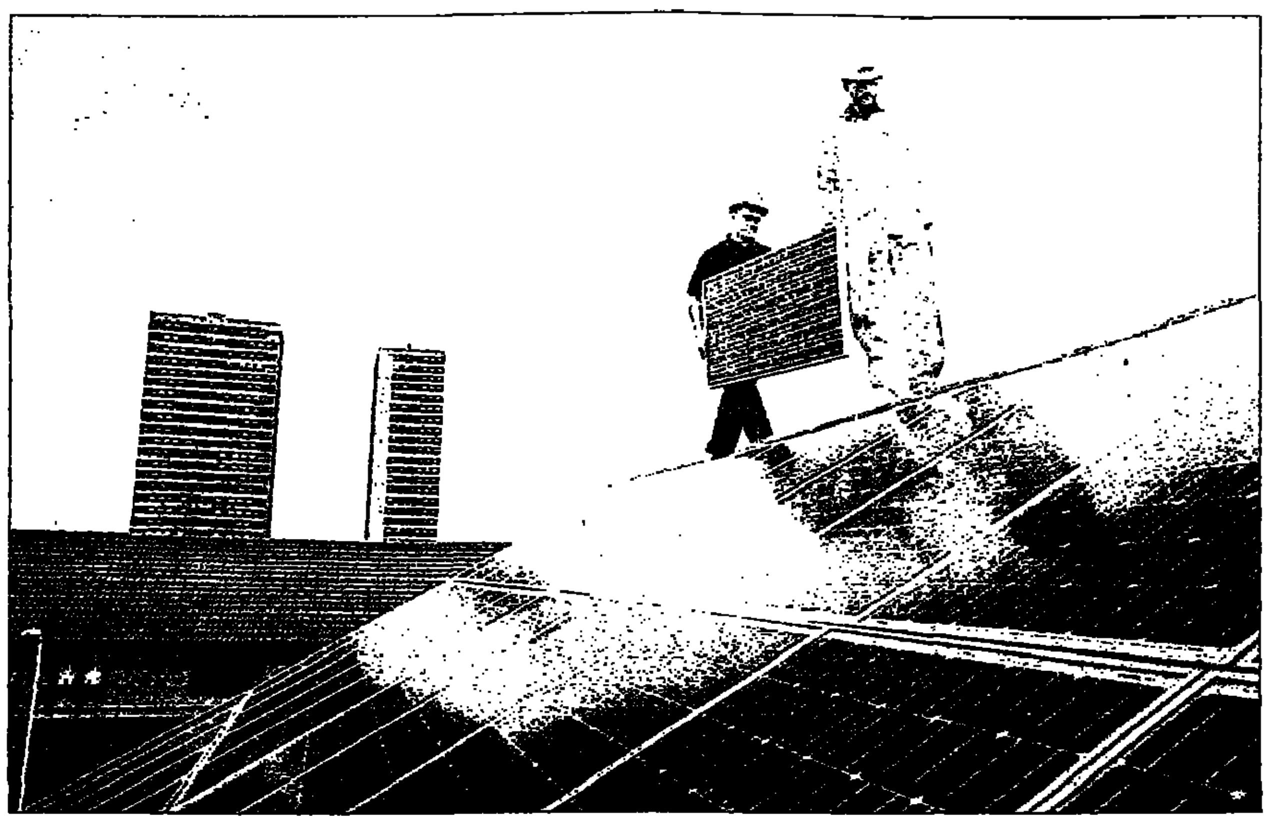
He added: "I wish I had written it differently, but I was certainly open and honest with Sir Robin at an early opportunity about that letter. I had no intention of deceiving Sir Robin. My sharp editing of that letter, to which I plead guilty, was not intended to deceive him, but to put *The Guardian* off the scent."

Earlier Mr Aitken had told the court of a meeting he had with Peter Preston, then Editor of *The Guardian*, at a formal dinner in 1993. He said Mr Preston had told him in a "chilling" aside: "We will get you in the end."

The remark was made as the two were exchanging letters about an alleged business meeting Mr Aitken had had with prominent Arabs against ministerial rules in Paris, and about who had paid for his stay there.

Mr Aitken, who resigned his Treasury position two years later to launch his libel action, spoke of the conversation during his second day in the witness box. He denied attending any business meeting at the hotel, where he stayed in September, 1993, and said that his wife Lolicia had paid the bill with money he gave her.

The trial continues.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Solar panels cut bills

Three terraced houses in Silvertown were chosen to be wired up to show that solar panels can generate electricity in ordinary homes, making a saving of £60 per household on annual electricity bills. The project is a joint venture between Greenpeace and the Peabody Trust, London's largest housing association. Although installation costs are high, Greenpeace is currently campaigning for solar grants to revolutionise the market and make the sun's energy readily available for homes in the future.

Marcus Rand, of Greenpeace, said: "We are calling on the Government to start a nationwide solar programme." George Barlow, Chief Executive of Peabody, said: "High household bills are financially crippling for people on low incomes, especially for families and the elderly. Peabody is delighted to be working with Greenpeace on this landmark solar project. We hope it will set in motion a new approach to the use of clean, renewable energy to reduce energy costs for people who most need affordable housing."

Security checks may by made on nurses

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

REGULAR checks of criminal records for staff at a special hospital are being considered after the discovery that a nurse had been convicted of importing pornography.

William Baird was dismissed from Ashworth Hospital at Maghull on Merseyside when his conviction in 1994 was discovered during a police investigation. Mr Baird, 38, joined the hospital, which holds some of the most dangerous offenders, in 1979 and rose to become a team leader.

Earlier this year a judicial inquiry was ordered into the management of the personality unit at the hospital after its chief executive, Janice Miles, and two male nurses were suspended.

Erville Millar, the acting chief executive, said yesterday that he was considering strict security checks on all 1,600 staff every three years. At present a check on criminal records is only made before appointments are made.

A hospital spokeswoman said: "There is a flaw in the system that allowed Mr Baird to go on working. We have to depend on people being honest about any convictions."

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Colleagues say PC hit by car thief was Good Samaritan

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A POLICEMAN who had planned to end his day celebrating his youngest son's birthday spent the night in intensive care after being flung from his patrol car when a suspect stole it.

Yesterday, as relatives anxiously waited for PC Gurdial Sidhu to recover consciousness at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington, central London, detectives were hunting his attacker. At Notting Hill police station, where the constable has been based for three years, colleagues were still shocked by the attack on an officer who gave up a career in computers to become a policeman because he wanted to help people. A senior officer said yesterday: "He is a Good Samaritan, a good policeman and a good family man."

PC Sidhu, known to colleagues as Sid, was left with a fractured skull after he stopped a battered B-registration Maestro van in a north Kensington street on Thursday morning. He began questioning the white driver and a second white man was seen by witnesses to join the discussion. PC Sidhu made checks on the van over his radio and called for a police van to pick up the driver, whom he apparently planned to arrest.

What happened next is uncertain until PC Sidhu regains consciousness. Detectives are unsure whether there was a struggle. But one of the men jumped into the police car and drove off. The constable either tried to stop him or was knocked on to the bonnet.

He was carried for about 30 yards as the car accelerated away and was thrown off when the white Metro cornered, hitting his head on the road.

The Metro, driven by a man aged 35-40, unshaven and stockily built, was left abandoned three quarters of a mile away, near Wormwood Scrubs prison.

Yesterday Detective Chief Inspector David Shipperlee, leading the manhunt, said 30 officers were involved in the investigation. He ruled out a racial element in the attack and said the driver probably fled after giving a false identity. The van has no traceable owner.

At the intensive care unit, doctors said the constable's condition was stable and he is not thought to be in any danger. Scotland Yard made arrangements with Indian officials for his new wife, Ranjit, to travel to join her husband for the first time in Britain. The policeman recently married for the second time in India and his wife is waiting for immigration papers to be completed.

The Yard has also detailed a Punjabi-speaking officer to stay with the injured man's family. PC Sidhu's mother speaks no English and his father died when he was young.

The 36-year-old officer was born in Southall, west London, and still lives in the area. He has two brothers and a sister and was educated at Featherstone High School in west London. He took a City and Guilds examination as a computer technician at Hounslow College.

PC Sidhu and his first wife, Caroline, had two boys, Daniel, 10 and James, 12. But the couple later divorced and the boys live with their father and a nanny. Yesterday police said they were being cared for by relatives.

In 1992 PC Sidhu decided to join the police. He told examiners at Hendon Police College that he had suddenly realised policing was the job he really wanted to do. He told them it was his ambition to help people and to uphold the law. As one of 268 Asian officers in London, he went on the beat around Notting Hill and earned considerable praise from the public and senior officers. His personal file includes letters from motorists that he stopped to help, and six local commendations for good police work such as arrests and investigations.

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Ruairidh MacLennan, 20, a geography undergraduate from Aberdeen University who was yesterday declared chief of his clan after settling an eight-year dispute with an Australian cousin. As part of the deal, MacLennan, of Dores on the shore of Loch Ness, must now produce an heir or the title will pass to his rival in Sydney

Crofters spurn chance to be lairds

By Shirley English

AN HISTORIC move giving Highland crofters the chance to own at no cost the land they rent came into force yesterday. The change was first announced last year in answer to almost a century of unrest over land reform. But so far remarkably few crofting communities have shown interest in the offer.

The new law means the Scottish Office can now transfer the 55 crofting estates it owns, together with mineral and sporting rights at its discretion, to the communities who live there.

But only three estates have so far taken positive steps and had feasibility studies carried out, and even they are said to be divided over whether to make the final move from tenant to landlord. Yesterday Joseph Kerr, of the Crofting Trust Advisory Service set up last year to oversee the change, said he was not surprised by the slow take-up: "Crofting as a system has been in place for a long time and we are now talking about a substantial change."

Fraser MacLeod, of the Scottish Crofters' Union, said: "At the moment communities are giving it some thought, but there is no great rush, mainly because the Department of Agriculture is seen as a good and benevolent landlord."

One in ten crofters, around 1,400 households, rents a total of 105,000 hectares directly from the Government, acquired mainly in the early years of this century to undo the Highland Clearances of 1785-1850. The Transfer of Crofting Estates (Scotland) Act 1997 means tenants can now form a Crofting Trust and apply to become their own lairds.

Dr MacLeod said that while some Scottish Office estates make small profits, overall they run at a loss of around £250,000 a year. "It is not the simple transfer and giveaway it appears to be at first sight."

As well as ownership of the land, the Crofting Trusts, who will act as the new community landlords, will also have responsibility for land, road and bridge maintenance, water and drainage, and rent collection.

The three estates to undertake studies are Armadale and Keoldale in Highland and Dunans township in Skye.

Bell cash appeals to churches

By Glen Owen

PLANS to ring in the millennium at churches across the country took a step forward yesterday with the first allocation of grants to bell-ringing groups.

The Millennium Commission allocated £3 million to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers last July, to furnish a set of Millennium Bells at 100 churches. It intends the improved network of bells to be ready to chime out on New Year's Eve 1999, and yesterday the council announced the first 17 churches to receive grants.

The idea came from Dr Lin Forbes, a project co-ordinator at the council. "I thought it would be such a good way to ring the change, because bells are so celebratory," she said.

"We decided to get all the different ringers across the country together to lobby the commission, and they liked the idea. It is a really grass-roots millennium effort, the good side of the lottery."

The council received over 500 applications for the lottery money. Dr Forbes said it was hard to make choices. "We evaluated the social and technical merit of their case, along with signs that they would be raising some money themselves, and the likelihood of planning permission."

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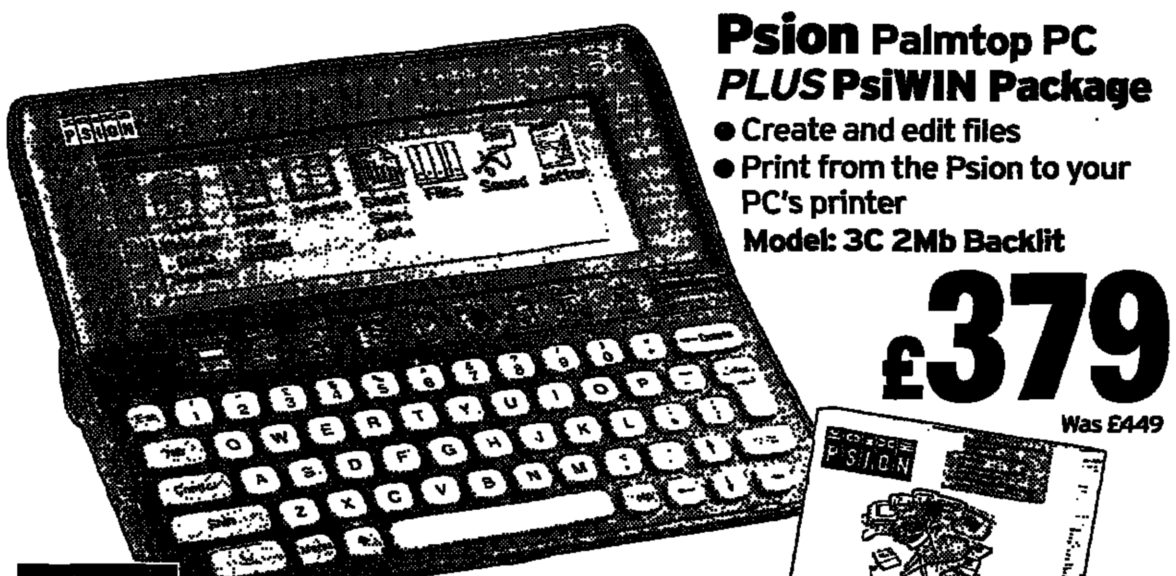

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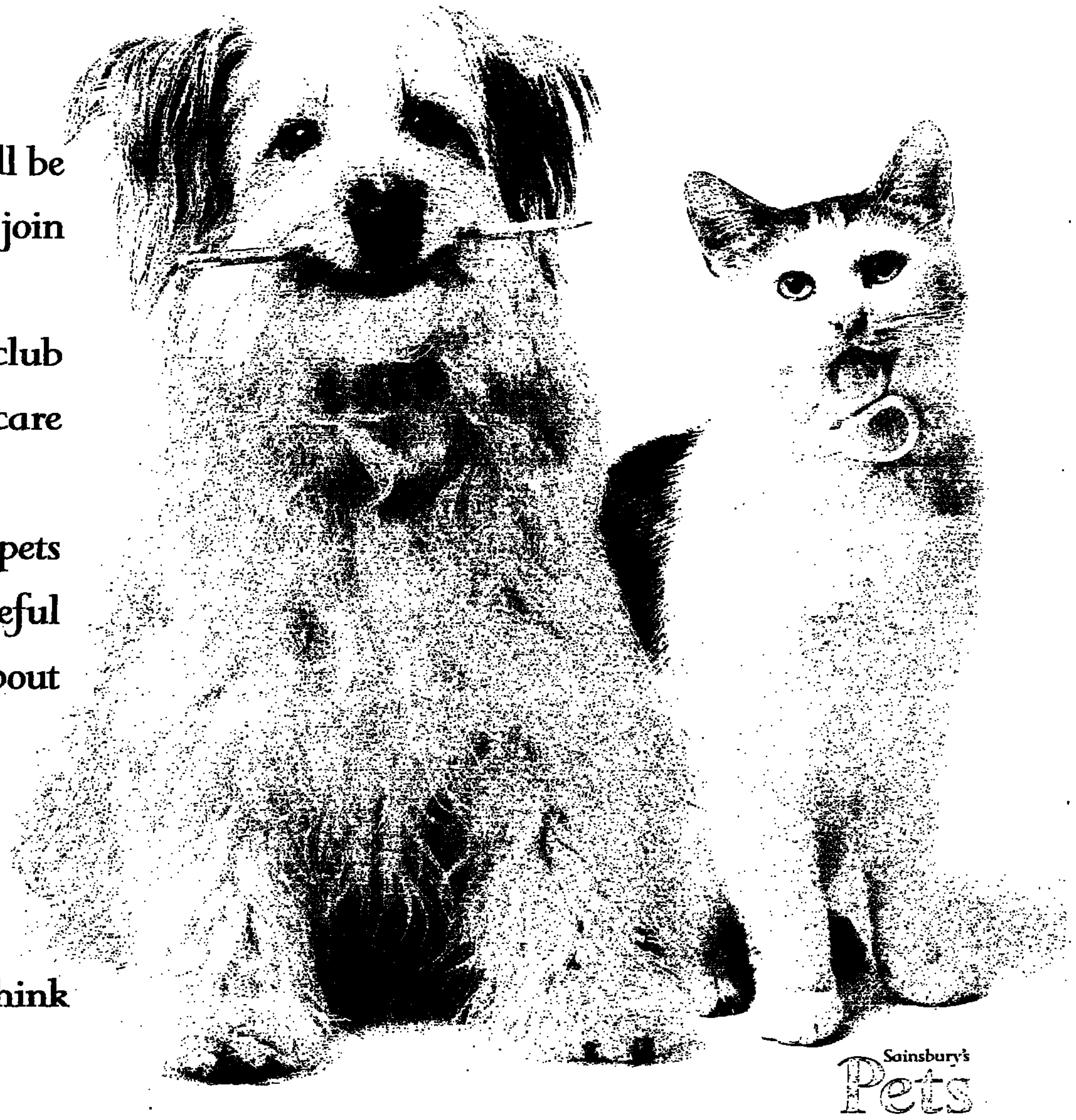

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Health trust gives care jobs to former mental patients

By Alexandra Frean, Social Affairs Correspondent

PEOPLE with a history of mental illness are being recruited as nursing and care assistants by a National Health Service trust as part of an equal opportunities initiative.

Advertisements for certain posts at the Pathfinder Mental Health Services NHS Trust in south London state that "personal experience of mental health difficulties" is one of the necessary "qualifications. So far, 13 people previously treated for schizophrenia and manic depression have been found part-time and full-time work with mental health patients.

Rachel Perkis, clinical director and consultant psychologist at the trust, said that unemployment among people with long-term mental health problems was running at 90 per cent, yet many of these people could bring "added value" to jobs as carers working with psychiatric patients. "The positive contribution that some people with personal experience of mental health problems can bring is enormous." Dr Perkins added that providing work opportunities for such people was vital, because it helped them to become reintegrated into society and to feel valued.

Duncan Selbie, the trust's chief executive, said: "This is not about positive discrimination in favour of people with mental health problems, it's about positively not discriminating against them."

Richard Gresham, 57, a former Fleet Street compositor who was treated for manic depression, was unemployed for eight years before being taken on by the trust as an occupational therapy helper. He now works as a technical instructor, teaching simple assembly work to patients.

"When I saw the job advertisement stating that you had to have experience of mental health problems, I thought it was a joke," he said.

He added: "I love the work. It provides me with security. The patients I work with know about me and like it. They see what I have achieved and it gives them hope."

Duncan Marston, 39, a musician who was treated for paranoid schizophrenia, was out of work for six years before the trust took him on as as a part-time occupational therapy helper in a music workshop. "I just can't believe that I am actually doing a job that I like and that it's helping others who are suffering from the same kind of illness that I did," he said.

Although some staff members were initially resistant to the policy, believing that it would lead to a rise in sick leave, their fears have been unfounded. Dr Perkins said that, if anything, levels of sick leave had fallen.

Dr Perkins said that the trust was so pleased with the project that it was seeking to recruit a further 20 or 25 people with mental health problems.

RON FAIRLEY

Jennifer Hilsdon with Matthew yesterday. He was found two miles from home

Baby found dumped in alley after car theft

By A Staff Reporter

A TEN-MONTH-OLD baby was found crawling in an alleyway after being abandoned by car thieves. Jennifer Hilsdon had left her son, Matthew, asleep in his car-seat while she checked that the house was locked.

When she returned to the driveway of their home in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, a few moments later, she discovered that the MG Maestro had gone.

Twenty minutes later, a a woman walking a dog found Matthew crawling in an alleyway two miles away in Hemel Hempstead. The thieves had unfastened the seat, allowing him to crawl away.

Yesterday Mrs Hilsdon, 34, said: "I had left the keys in the ignition and had just gone into the house to check everything was locked. I went outside and thought, 'Why has my husband moved the car?' Then it sunk in. I was frantic with worry.

"It didn't bear thinking what would have happened to him if they had crashed. They hid the car-seat, undid the straps and just let him crawl off. He could have crawled anywhere — he was not far from a main road. It is horrendous to think what might have happened."

Witnesses saw a red Ford Escort in convoy with the stolen MG Maestro. The Escort had also been stolen earlier in the day. Both cars were later found abandoned in Hemel Hempstead.

☐ A baby was dumped on a pavement by a thief who ran off with his pushchair. Marie Davies found her 13-month-old son, Daniel, lying on the ground when she came out of a corner shop in Cardiff.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mother wins maternity pay claim

A woman has won her claim that Tesco wrongly denied her maternity pay. Deborah Banks earned £56 a week in Gillingham, Kent, which was £1 under the threshold for statutory maternity pay. She claimed discrimination because a man was entitled to paternity pay regardless of earnings. An industrial tribunal in Ashford found that Tesco was wrong to pay fathers but not mothers.

Driver jailed

A motorist who pointed a starting pistol at the head of a teenage driver was jailed at the Old Bailey for 12 months. She had hooted at Geoffrey Wheeler, 36, of Woking, Surrey, because his car was blocking the road.

Boy dies in silo

James McKay, 14, from Weymouth, Dorset, who was on work experience, died when he fell into a grain silo on a local farm. Firemen worked for two hours to empty the 25ft silo, but the boy was dead when they got to him.

Flying fish

A North Korean fisherman who received head injuries when he was hit by some frozen squid off the Falkland Islands was flown unconscious to Britain by the RAF and recovered in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

Double strike

Lightning struck two neighbouring houses at Margate, Kent, within 20 minutes. Kent Fire Brigade, which tackled fires at both houses, said: "The chances of this happening must be a million to one." Both houses were empty.

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An infra-red image shows cloud layers over an area of equatorial Jupiter 34,000km by 11,000. The bluish clouds are high and thin, the reddish ones low and the white high and thick. The dark blue spot is a hole in the deep cloud

The giant planet where a shower can last a century

By Nigel Hawkes
SCIENCE EDITOR

PACKING the picnic basket this weekend, you may well be worrying what the weather has in store. Be thankful that Earth does not share the climate of Jupiter, where, according to scientists, storms can last for centuries.

There is much more moisture on the planet than was thought when a probe from the Galileo spacecraft plunged into the Jovian atmposphere in December, 1995. In fact, according to Andrew Ingersoll, of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, "Jupiter is wet." It seems that the probe hit a dry spot, surrounded by areas a hundred times wetter, containing clouds and rain. "We had suspected the probe landed in the Sahara desert of Jupiter," Dr Ingersoll said. "The new data show there is moisture in the surrounding areas."

The new picture that has emerged suggests that the moisture content of the Jovian atmosphere varies at least as much as it does on Earth, with thunderstorms, lightning and rain. But in contrast to Earth, "individual Jovian storms and weather systems last months, years, or even centuries," Dr Ingersoll said.

Robert Carlson, an investigator for Galileo's Near Infra-red Mapping Spectrometer, showed a press conference a weather map of an expanse of Jupiter the size of South America. It included bone-dry areas with 1 per cent humidity, akin to Death Valley in California, and other places that were so wet "it's either going to rain or is raining right now".

Despite the presence of water, there is little likelihood of finding a picnicking family on Jupiter because it lacks a solid surface, consisting entirely of gas. Any Jovian life-forms would have to hover, Dr Ingersoll said. "While we might imagine an advanced life-form that could adapt, prebiotic compounds could not survive in that environment and, therefore, evolution could not take place."

When the Galileo probe failed to find water, scientists put forward two possible explanations. Either all the water had been concentrated in Jupiter's interior as it formed, leaving none in the upper atmosphere, or the dryness was caused by a local weather anomaly. Based on the latest data, it turns out that the latter is true.

The dry spots, one of which the probe hit, cover less than one hundredth of the planet's surface. Scientists at Nasa's Jet Propulsion Laboratory believe they are caused by winds converging and creating a huge downdraught.

Inspectors attack poor conditions at Islamic school

By John O'Leary, education editor

AN ISLAMIC boarding school may be refused government registration after inspectors found that it was a threat to pupils' health and safety. Their report also criticised teaching standards.

Pupils at the Islamic Institute in Nottinghamshire were sleeping in dormitories with bins containing "smelly food waste". Health arrangements were unsatisfactory, with no school nurse or sick room.

Social services and teaching inspectors visited the 85-pupil school after previous inspections had raised "serious concerns". The school, which opened three years ago in former RAF offices in the village of Flintham, had been granted provisional registration by the Department for Education and Employment.

The Office for Standards in Education's report, published yesterday, found the overall standard of teaching unsatisfactory and pupils' achievement lower than expected of 11 to 16-year-olds. Even the Islamic curriculum, which included tuition in Arabic and Urdu, was poor.

The report's most serious criticisms related to the state of the premises. There were too few showers to ensure personal cleanliness; a system by which pupils were responsible for cleaning their own rooms was ineffective.

The report said: "There are no proper arrangements for the disposal of rubbish, including food waste from pupils' rooms and dormitories. This results in pupils sleeping in the same room as full waste bins containing smelly food waste. There is also an accumulation of such rubbish and broken glass outside dormitory windows. At the time of the fire drill, during the inspection, pupils had to walk in bare feet through this dangerous and unhygienic mess."

Although the inspectors acknowledged that some improvements had been made, they found that the school did not meet legal requirements governing the welfare and safety of pupils. As well as improving cleanliness and ensuring that boarders were properly supervised, the school was ordered to provide activities during pupils' free time and at weekends.

The school attracts Islamic pupils from several Continental countries, although the majority are British Muslims. Parents answering a questionnaire issued by the inspectors were overwhelmingly supportive of the institute, where fees of £1,300 a year are supplemented by donations.

Mohammad, the head teacher, said many of the concerns had been addressed. "There is a 70 per cent difference between now and then, and the inspectors are much happier now."

However, a spokesman for the ministry said: "We are naturally concerned about the weaknesses identified in the report. Officials will be writing to the school seeking a commitment on remedial action." They would then consider what further steps might be necessary.

Vegetarians aim to feed 5,000 on giant salad

By Russell Jenkins

VEGETARIANS hope to make the world's biggest salad at the first national vegetarian food festival in Manchester today.

Lorries will be ferrying 30 tonnes of iceberg lettuces, tomatoes, mushrooms and celery to the "Vegfest" site in Castlefield. There the ingredients will be tossed with 500 litres of vinaigrette. The record of 28 tonnes belongs to the United States.

The salad, mixed in a Roman trough lined with plastic and served free to festival-goers, is the highlight of National Vegetarian Week, which ends tomorrow and marks the 150th anniversary of The Vegetarian Society. Steve Connor, one of the festival organisers, said: "It has been quite poor growing season early on, so we have had to raid the last stocks of iceberg lettuces around the country to try for the world record."

Environmental health inspectors from Manchester City Council will monitor the ingredients, which will be placed inside 5,000 pitta bread loaves. Any leftovers will go to animal sanctuaries.

Dons find holes in scheme for Fitzwilliam Museum extension

By Marcus Binney

THE Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge is under fierce attack for wanting to cut a huge hole in one of its historic facades. The museum is the masterpiece of George Basevi, Sir John Soane's favourite pupil. Begun in 1834, it has long been acknowledged as the most imposing classical museum in Britain after the British Museum.

No fewer than six additions have been made to the south of the museum since 1920, but now the Fitzwilliam Syndics (as the museum's trustees are quaintly known) have proposed a new addition to the hitherto untouched north flank. This has aroused opposition from the architecturally minded dons of Peterhouse, who are outraged at the prospect of a plainly detailed stone box looming into view in front of Basevi's design of imperial grandeur.

The architects of the new extension are John Miller and Partners. They claim that the extension, set back 35 yards from the road on which the museum stands, will be barely visible to the passer-by. Much of the new accommodation will be underground.

Duncan Robinson, the museum's director, vigorously denies he will be destroying original stonework. "Visitors will enter the new pavilion through an existing tall window aperture. It will be like the Sackler Galleries at the Royal Academy, with the stonework of both old and new buildings visible through a glass link." Members of the university have written to the Senate claiming damage will be permanent and the solution short term in relation to the museum's constant needs for increased space.

The position and size of the new pavilion is based on a drawing by Basevi showing a pair of wings in outline, though it could be argued that, by indicating such small wings, set so far back, he was simply showing his distate for any additions at all. The new accommodation is required principally for the museum's fine collection of coins and medals but will also provide much needed conservation studios as well as disabled access.

Gareth Jones, QC, the university Vice-Chancellor, who is chairman of the Syndics, said: "Like the additions of 80 years ago, the new wing aims at dignified simplicity so as not to compete in any way with the richness of Basevi's facades."

The Fitzwilliam is unlikely to have an easy passage. The Victorian Society said it was "sharpening the knives". English Heritage has referred a decision to a full meeting of its commissioners.

Giles Worsley, editor of *Perspectives*, commented: "The design is neither one thing nor the other. It's just another pale extension in conservation-speak. If they're going to build at all, they should carry on in Basevi's spirit."

No one can seriously claim that Mr Miller's discreet and ingeniously planned addition is a monstrous carbuncle, but at £10.9 million it is quite an expensive pimple.

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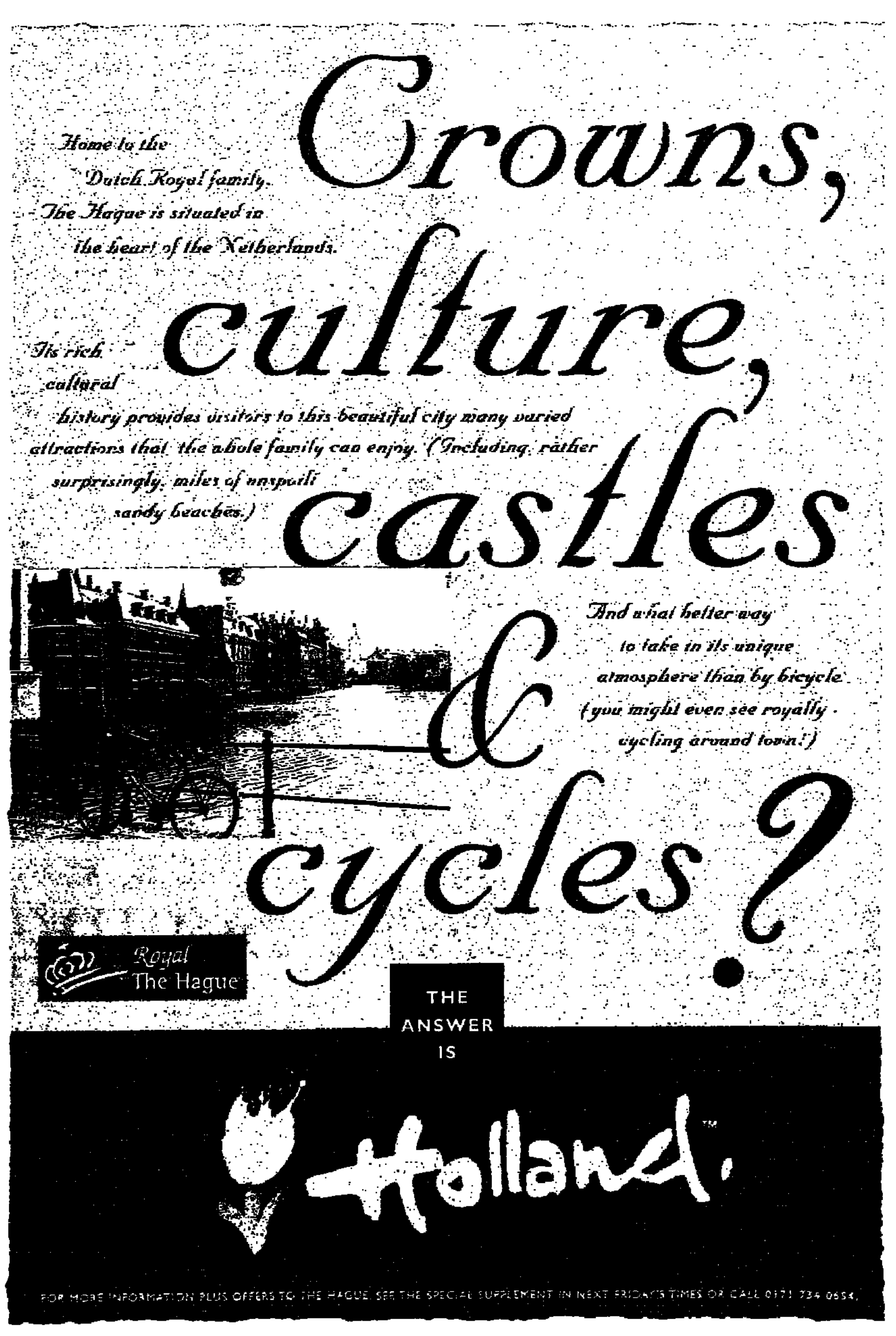

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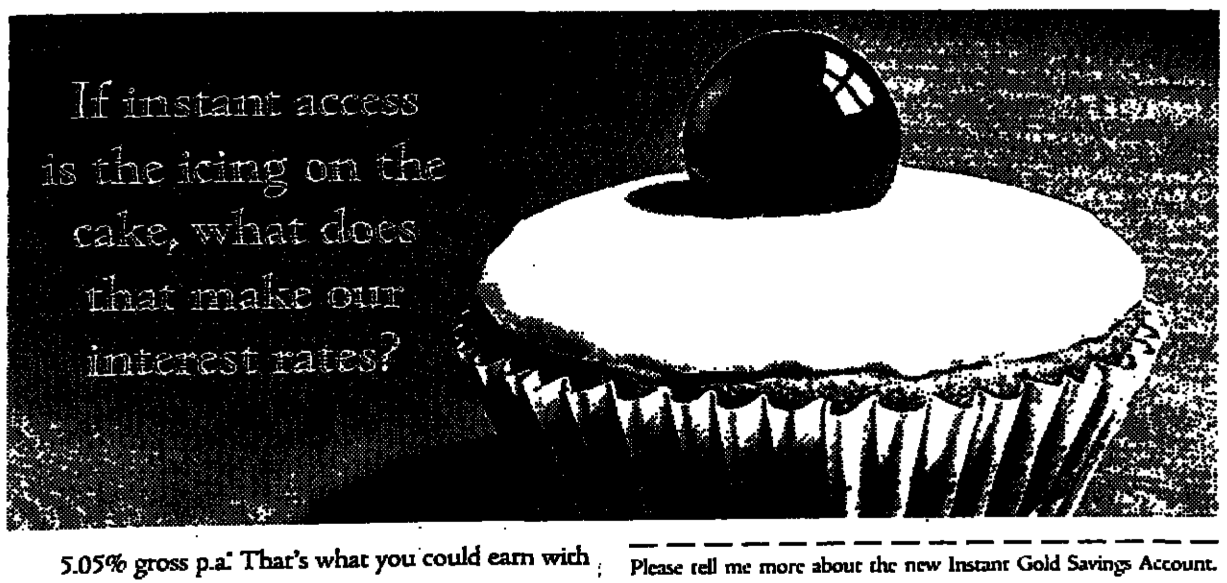

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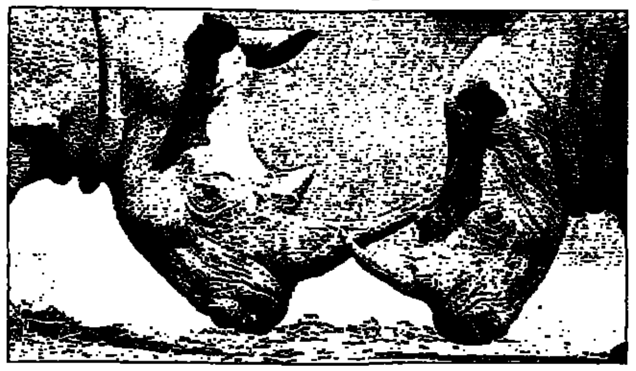
Demands to relax protection laws could renew threat to rhinos, elephants and jaguars

Southern Africa calls for lifting of ivory trade ban

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent


South African officials want to cull the white rhino

PROPOSALS to cull white rhinos, allow jaguar hunting and for a renewal of ivory trading are expected to cause a storm at an international wildlife trade conference starting tomorrow.

Three African countries — Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe — are pressing for a partial lifting of the worldwide ban on trading ivory, imposed in 1989. They are supported by South Africa and Japan, the biggest customer.

The move would allow the nations to sell stockpiled ivory to Japan in sealed containers. But critics fear the move could create an incentive for poachers to shoot elephants.

The Japanese use the ivory for *hanko*, the seals used on documents instead of signatures. Intensive lobbying by the *hanko* industry, which employs about 30,000 people, has paid off. Last autumn the Japanese Government told visiting Namibian leaders that Japan supported a resumption of trading.

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species being held in Harare, Zimbabwe, will also hear a proposal from South Africa for the trade ban on rhino horn to be partially lifted for its population of the southern white species.

South Africa's rhino population has soared from a low of less than 20 to over 7,500 and officials want a cull. But there are concerns that approving the plan will again give incentives to poachers to step up attacks on populations elsewhere in Africa and Asia.

The Venezualans want to "down-list" the jaguar so that big-game hunters from America and Europe can shoot them and take trophies home.

Currently international trade in jaguar parts is banned, though the animals may be shot by farmers. Venezuela claims that jaguars are threatening cattle ranching on the pampas.

Cuba is pressing for a partial lifting of the trade ban on the shells of hawksbill turtles so it can exploit its population.

Any efforts to reduce protection of species are likely to face strong resistance. The United States has said it will oppose the resumption of the ivory trade. A government spokesman said that easing trade restrictions would pose "unacceptable risks" to elephant stocks.

British officials say it may prove impossible to guarantee that ivory shipped to Japan is coming from stockpiles.

The conference, however, will also hear some proposals for tighter controls. Crackdowns on the poaching of sturgeon for blackmarket caviare and the uncontrolled trade in tropical mahogany are being backed by Britain.

Wildlife groups and several governments are becoming increasingly concerned about the plight of the sturgeon, which is being overfished. Experts say that species including the Russian, stellate and beluga face extinction without tougher controls.

Britain and wildlife groups including the World Wide Fund for Nature are backing a proposal by the United States and Germany to bring in international trade controls on all species. The Department of the Environment said that the move would require exports of caviar to have trade and import permits.

Britain is also backing a move to get tighter trade controls on "big leaf" mahogany, in an attempt to reduce over-exploitation.

☐ A nest of goshawk eggs, one of Scotland's rarest birds of prey, has been destroyed by vandals, near the Borders village of Walkerburn. Police are hunting the raiders who could face fines of £40,000.

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ARDEA

A renewal of ivory trading would endanger Africa's elephants, say conservationists

Protesters start second week locked in tunnel

By Stephen Farrell

FOUR protesters blocking Manchester airport's second runway passed a milestone yesterday by spending a week underground in a fortified tunnel.

Denise, Muppet Dave, Neville and Matt — a pregnant nurse, two former soldiers and an NHS auditor — are beneath a hillside in the Bollin Valley, near Styal, Cheshire. They are the last of 100 activists removed from trees and tunnels by bailiffs in an operation that has cost police £380,000. They claim to have enough food for another week. Fresh air is being pumped in by sheriff's officers.

The tunnel narrows to less than 1ft wide in places. It is lined with four tons of concrete at the entrance and has more than a dozen metal-reinforced doors, whose hinges and supports are linked to props holding up the tunnel ceiling.

All four protesters have concrete "lock-ons", to which they will attach themselves when bailiffs break through. Muppet Dave, 30, whose real name is David Howarth, said: "We can stay here for as long as it takes."

Randal Hibbert, Under-Sheriff of Cheshire, conceded that the eviction could be slow. "It will take a long time to get through all the doors — probably four or five days."

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Duchess to revive lost splendour of Alnwick Castle

By Paul Wilkinson

THE lost world of the great English garden is to be recreated at Alnwick Castle in a £5 million project backed by the Prince of Wales. It aims to restore a 12-acre walled garden at the castle to the glories it enjoyed in the 18th and 19th centuries.

The plans, announced yesterday by the Duchess of Northumberland, include cascades, waterfalls, pools and miniature canals among pavilions and hedges of rose bushes. "It will be a huge attraction for the North East and one of the most beautiful gardens in England," the duchess said.

"I do not want it to be a slavish recreation of the past, but a contemporary garden for the 21st century." The designers will include Tadao Ando, who will draw up plans for a pavilion, and Louis Benech, head gardener of the £25 million restoration of the former royal gardens at the Tuileries in Paris.

Water, from the estate's own springs, will be a principal feature. The duchess said: "Two water technology companies are involved in the project. Water can be made to jump through hoops, stop in mid-air, emerge from grass or hedges, dance, foam, mist or cascade.

"There could be a water maze where children are squirted if they step on the wrong square. There are many possibilities." She said that the family would put a "significant" amount towards the costs, but it could not be achieved without sponsorship.

Elizabeth, Dowager Duchess of Hamilton, the current Duke of Northumberland's aunt, remembered the garden from her youth. The duchess, now in her 80s, said: "The garden thrived during the Twenties and Thirties. There was dramatic planting everywhere, with dahlias along the west wall and red-hot pokers in front of the yew hedge.

"There were also quiet secluded corners. A garden devoted to sweet peas was screened by very high yew hedges and on the other side was a hedge of old china roses. The Duchess's Garden, which had been named by some previous generation, was in a square of pleached limes and planted with penstemons.

"Fuchsia bushes were a feature introduced by Duchess Helen, wife of the eighth Duke. The whole garden was planted to flourish in August and September and the end result was spectacular."

Alex Smith, 81, a retired gardener on the Northumberland estate, said: "When I started work at 14, it was the perfect garden. I never thought I would see it restored."

The garden was created in 1750 by the first duke and duchess. By 1786 it had already gained an international reputation and was visited by the gardener of the Czarina of Russia. By 1820 the third duchess had transformed it into an Italianate garden. It was a time when plant hunters began scouring the world for new species.

In the mid 1800s, the fourth duke embarked on a major renovation scheme, employing W.A. Nesfield, the first landscape gardener to call himself a garden architect. The garden was replanted, lawned and landscaped.

The Prince of Wales, who will be patron of the project, said: "In seeking to recapture the lost world of this great garden, and sharing it with others, the Duchess of Northumberland is taking up once more the innovative ideas so brilliantly demonstrated in previous generations."

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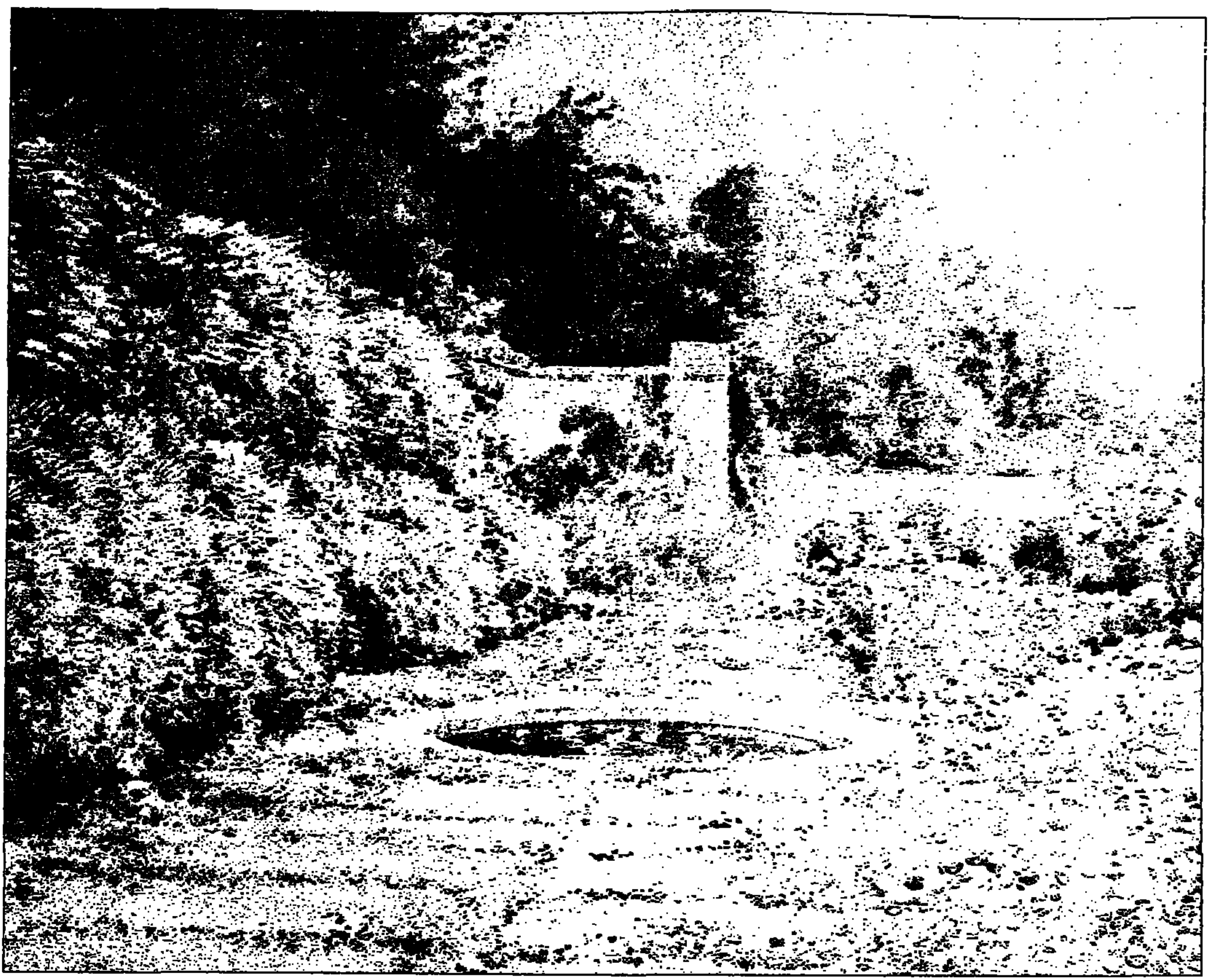
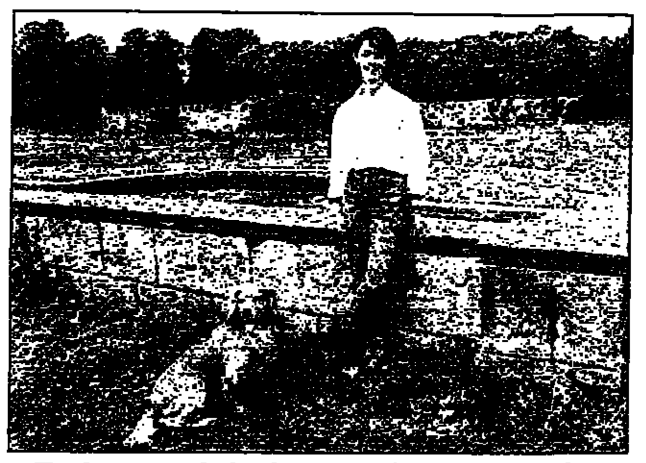


Former glory: the Italianate garden as shown in a painting from the 1920s. The duke's aunt remembers "dramatic planting everywhere"



Testing ground: the duchess in front of the garden

Foreign implants take root

By Glen Owen

THE Duchess of Northumberland will employ some of the world's best garden designers on her restoration project, but not anyone from this country.

The Belgian father-and-son team of Jacques and Peter Wirtz, along with Louis Benech, from France, and Tadao Ando, from Japan have been called on. The Wirtz pair worked with M Benech on the redesign of the Tuileries in Paris, and this March, Ando won the Royal Institute of British Architects' gold medal. Entirely self-taught, Ando was made an honorary fellow of the institute, has won the main international awards, and has been a visiting professor at Columbia, Harvard and Yale.

Sue Moller, from the British Society of Garden Designers, acknowledged the calibre of these designers but said: "I would like to know why she has not decided to try some of our own people. The image of the British garden is one of herbaceous borders and careful arrangement, but our designers are now desperate to be seen as vibrant."

There were plenty of British horticulturists who could have added something to the vista at Alnwick Castle, Mrs Moller said. Christopher Bradley-Hole, who won the prize for the best-designed garden at this year's Chelsea Flower Show, was "very refreshing, modern and different," she said.

"Julia Fogg is also extremely good. With her fresh vision and experience of manor house gardens, she could certainly add something, as could Anthony Paul. He has worked for more than 25 years as a landscape designer."

But Mr Bradley-Hole said that the duchess "could not have picked better than Ando. He is my hero. I would love to have been involved, but it does sound like a good team."

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Leader of Evangelical Alliance praises courage behind his appointment

Black evangelist hails Church for tackling racism

By Robin Young

CHRIS HARRIS

The Rev Joel Edwards at Church House, with Westminster Abbey in the background

A MINISTER appointed to lead the Evangelical Alliance in the United Kingdom said yesterday that he regarded his life as "a pilgrimage of one black man in a white-led evangelical community", and his nomination should be seen as a signal that the Christian Church was willing to tackle the issue of race courageously.

The Rev Joel Edwards, 45, from Leytonstone in east London becomes one of the most senior black church leaders in Britain. A former probation officer at Holloway prison, minister of the New Testament Church of God in Mile End and secretary-general of the African & Caribbean Evangelical Alliance, he was the unanimous choice to be general director.

Mark Birchall, the alliance executive chairman, said: "When we first asked for nominations, the name of Joel Edwards was by far the most frequently mentioned."

Mr Edwards, whose origins are in the pentecostal branch of evangelism, resigned from his church in Mile End last year to spend longer on his work with the alliance, having been UK director since 1992.

The New Testament Church of God has 7,000 members, and is one of the most vigorous pentecostal churches among the African-Caribbean community. The Evangelical Alliance unites 3,000 churches, 800 societies and 56,000 people.

Mr Edwards said that he viewed his new job with "trepidation, joy and excitement". He said: "The 20th century has to a large extent been a celebration of the death of God, but now we have reached a time of universal searching.

"We also have to contend with biblical illiteracy and to find a working partnership with people, Christians or not, who want a better society. I want evangelicals to be a people of proclamation, with something of relevance to say to contemporary society.

"We have to show that it is not an irrelevance to talk about the Cross and the suffering of Christ. We must be prophetic people, people who spread pulse beat religion."

Mr Edwards, who is married and has a son "aged between 18 and 28" and a daughter of 15, said that large parts of society drew its moral values from television soap operas such as *EastEnders*.

Mr Edwards came to England from Jamaica in 1960. During his early years black churches offered a haven for people who had nowhere else to go. "Church provided solace for many people and kept them alive during those early, difficult days of immigration. It was the place that many early arrivals made sense of their lives amid the racism which often greeted them."

One of only two black children at his first school in Kentish Town, north London, Mr Edwards came to faith after a friend challenged him to go forward at an evangelists' meeting. "I did not really pray, but I had a profound conversion experience.

"I cried for an hour. It was as if a ten-tonne load had lifted off me."

He became head boy of Sir William Collins secondary school in Kentish Town, took a theology degree at London Bible College, and later joined the probation service — with which his first contact had been for stealing sweets from Woolworth.

Mr Edwards succeeds Clive Calver, who led the alliance for the past 14 years, and has now been appointed director of the World Relief Organisation.

Credo

Ruth's faithful path to God

Albert Friedlander

In the Jewish tradition, we count seven weeks after the festival of Passover. The fiftieth day — Pentecost to our neighbours — becomes Shavuot, the *Feast of Weeks*. We have followed Moses out of Egypt into the wilderness, and now stand before Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments. And it is a time of rejoicing. In the synagogue, we read the Scroll of Ruth, our nightingale song of love and trust. The biblical text is a tale of lyric beauty and profound meaning, a song of life and love. The Book of Ruth records the moment when an individual desires to enter a community and family totally, without any reservations. Naomi and her sons had been asylum-seekers in a strange land, Moab.

The sons had died, and Naomi and her daughters-in-law were on their way back to Bethlehem, a sacred place. One of the girls, Orpah, turned back. But Ruth said to Naomi: "Entreat me not to leave you, or to return from following after you. For wherever you go, I will go. Wherever you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die; and there will I be buried. The Lord do thus to me — and more as well — if anything but death parts me from you" (Ruth i, 16, 17).

Faith in God and acceptance of the divine plan are the heart of the story. It is shaped as a folk tale, with the structure and logic of a storyteller's art. But it is religious history at its finest, creating a family tree for King David with the intimations of a coming messianic time. When we read it today, we might even sense the stirring of inter-faith dialogue. Some years ago, the late Donald Swann and I joined in creating a cantata that we called *The Five Seasons of God*. I wrote the texts and Donald composed the music. We dealt with the five scrolls of the Bible. Donald wanted it to reflect on the seasons, particularly since the three Pilgrim Festivals celebrate harvest times.

But there are *five* scrolls — and so we called Ruth: "The fifth season: God's time!" And that is, after all, Shavuot: God calls everyone to accept the Law — and Ruth leads the way.

☐ *Rabbi Professor Albert Friedlander is Dean of Leo Baeck College, Finchley, north London, and Rabbi of Westminster Synagogue.*

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Irvine says justice reform must offer value for money

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

Lord Irvine: announced a review of reforms

THE Lord Chancellor sent out a clear message yesterday that the Government will proceed with proposed reforms to cut the delay and expense in civil justice, but only where they were cost-effective.

In his first initiative since Labour took power, Lord Irvine of Lairg announced that he had appointed a top banker to see if Lord Woolf's proposals, published last summer, were "workable and likely to be cost-effective".

Any abandonment of the reforms could bring the Lord Chancellor into conflict with senior judges. Yesterday Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, warned the Government not to "cherry-pick" his reforms but to take the package as a whole. Sir Richard Scott, the Vice-Chancellor, who is in charge of implementing the reforms, said that, if the opportunity were not seized now, it would not come again "in this generation".

The Government's rapid review, coupled with a scrutiny of legal aid, is to be carried out by Sir Peter Middleton, deputy chairman of Barclays Bank and chairman of BZW, to see if reforms "can be kept within the limits which society can afford and is willing to pay in the context of the overall public expenditure ceilings". The joint review, a Labour manifesto commitment, will examine whether the Woolf proposals are the right way to reduce the cost, delay and complexity of civil litigation.

Its second aim, Lord Irvine said, was to "gain better control of the cost of legal aid, better value for money for the resources available, and the ability to target those resources on the areas of greatest need".

He denied that the review — to report by September — was in any way a snub to Lord Woolf, whose proposals to transform the culture of civil litigation were published after two years' consultation. He said that he had a duty to ensure that public funds were well spent and made clear that he was ready to proceed with some measures and not others. He did not believe that the reforms had to be treated as a package.

"I share the objectives of the current reform proposals," he said. "I of course want to see the cost, delays and complexity of civil litigation reduced." But he said that he was "required to be satisfied that the existing proposals, or the existing proposals in modified form, can really be expected to deliver those objectives".

He said that no extra funds would be forthcoming and that proposals such as training of judges and computerisation of the courts came "with a price tag" which, if adopted, would be at the expense of other parts of the budget.

But he accepted that the momentum of reform should not be held up and that, pending the review, the changes now being made should continue. "Whether or not I was to give Lord Woolf my blessing, some reforms such as the Civil Justice Council and the combined set of rules [for the High Court and county courts] are going to happen in any event."

On legal aid, he said that some of the proposals in the previous Government's White Paper were a "dead letter", such as requiring everyone on legal aid, even those on income support, to contribute to their costs. But others deserved consideration.

Earlier yesterday, at a conference organised by the College of Law, Lord Woolf spoke against the "cherry picking" of his proposals. He said, however, that he understood that Lord Irvine accepted the spirit of the reforms and accepted that he had to satisfy himself that they were "financially worthwhile". But the system would "only work if reformed as a whole".

Sir Richard advised against delay, saying that the "irons of reform had been thrust into the forge and are ready to be fashioned into a civil justice system fit for the next century". The irons should be struck while still hot and malleable.

1. The Lord Chancellor will brief selected journalists at 1200 on Friday 6 June at the House of Lords on the terms of his review of civil justice and legal aid reforms to which the Government made known its commitment in the Labour Party manifesto: 'Labour will undertake a wide-ranging review both of the reform of the civil justice system and legal aid.'

2. The Lord Chancellor will not take questions on any other subject than the review, and journalists who accept this briefing do so on these terms.

3. The Lord Chancellor will be on the record.

4. The Lord Chancellor will not give any one-to-one interviews.

5. Tape recorders are allowed, but not cameras.

6. Invited journalists should arrive at HOL at 1150. The briefing will start at 1200 and finish at 1230.

7. Substitutes will not be admitted.

Rule of law: restrictions for the media briefing

Curbs placed on press inquiries

By Our Legal Correspondent

THE Government's attempts to exert a firm grip on the media were demonstrated by the Lord Chancellor's Department yesterday at the first meeting between the press and Lord Irvine of Lairg.

"Selected" journalists invited to the briefing had a list of do's and don'ts faxed to them personally the night before. "The Lord Chancellor will not take questions on any other subject than the [civil justice] review, and journalists who accept this briefing do so on these terms," it said.

There was an implied threat that any journalist who breached the conditions might have facilities withdrawn. Downing Street has already been accused of exerting overbearing central control of government departments. But it is unapologetic, saying it has no intention of abandoning in government the discipline that helped it to its huge election victory.

Lord Irvine was equally unapologetic about the terms of his briefing, the toughest and most restrictive that any minister has issued since the election. "The great merit of formal conditions is that they make the terms under which the interview is given clear beyond any possible misunderstanding," he said.

"I always like people to know exactly where I am coming from and it involves avoidance of misunderstanding." No further questions on that subject were permitted.

In the past, attempts by press officers to lay down terms for questions to ministers at press conferences have failed because reporters have refused to observe them.

Lord Irvine said that he would make himself available to journalists at a later date. But those present were left wondering if this would depend on the nature of their coverage. His press officer said: "I look forward to seeing what you all write tomorrow."

Jack Straw

Donald Dewar

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The Attorney-General

Lord Falconer

Lord Williams of Mostyn

Lawyers form the heart of Blair Government

*The central role given to Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, is a sign of the closeness between Tony Blair's team and the legal profession, **Frances Gibb** writes*

LORD IRVINE OF LAIRG, the Lord Chancellor, is to chair up to four Cabinet committees in a Government which includes many lawyers, particularly barristers.

Underlining the links between the Government and the legal profession, Lord Irvine will be chairman of the committee on devolution and of a subcommittee of the main constitutional reform committee, and is chairing the committee dealing with the Queen's Speech and future legislation. The Lord Chancellor might also be asked to chair the freedom of information committee, and is a member of five other Cabinet committees.

Lord Irvine's role in the Government therefore is pivotal, both formally and in view of his long friendship with the Prime Minister, to whom he has been a mentor since Tony Blair began working in his chambers. It also cements a new and special relationship between the Bar and the Government, with, most unusually, both the Prime Minister and the Lord Chancellor coming from the ranks of the practising bar. Mr Blair plucked his Solicitor-General, now Lord Falconer of Thoroton, direct from practice as a top commercial QC.

The Government now has a free source of excellent legal advice. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary and himself a barrister, admitted the benefits when at a social occasion he introduced Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC, a former Bar chairman, and an Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office. With Lord Williams around, Mr Straw joked, he would not have to spend all that taxpayers' money on expensive QCs at the Temple.

Policy should now attract top-quality scrutiny. But the tendency of lawyers to become bogged down in minutiae will have to be tempered if government plans are not to be delayed.

Other ministers who are lawyers include Alistair Darling, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and Donald Dewar, Scottish Secretary; Mike O'Brien, the Immigration Minister, and Geoff Hoon, a Parliamentary Secretary in the Lord Chancellor's Department, who are both solicitors. By tradition, the law officers are barristers at other departments. Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary is a solicitor, and so is Paul Boateng, a junior Health Minister.

The House of Lords, too, has its Labour legal eagles, with Lord Williams, and Lord Richard, QC, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House. The Law Society parliamentary unit lists 29 solicitor-MPs, and the Bar lists 42 barristers or advocates.

For the legal profession, the close links are good news. The Bar is confident that Lord Irvine will ditch some aspects of the previous Government's proposed legal aid reforms.

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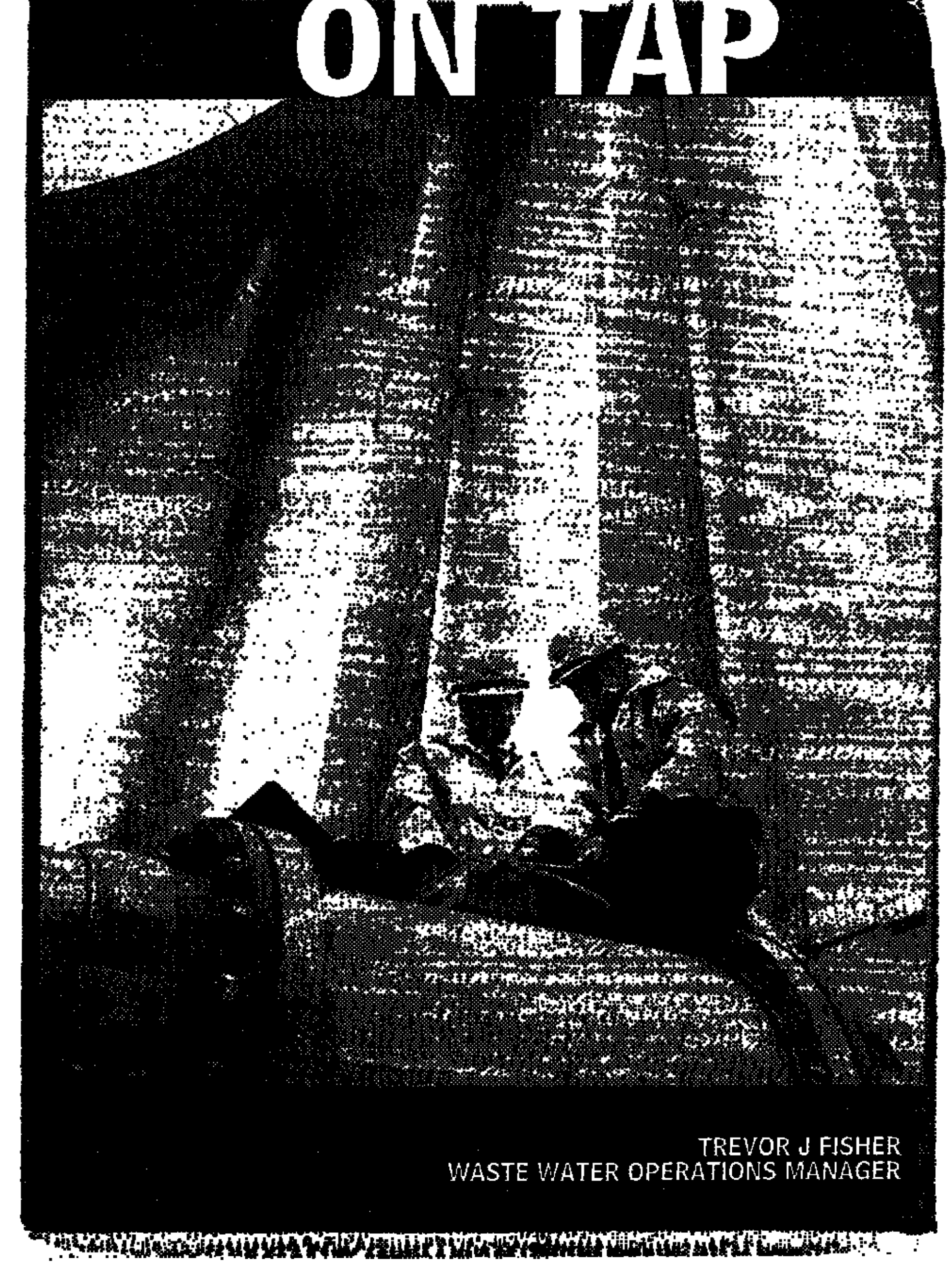

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Fraternal Blair confirms split with Jospin dogma

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE language was fraternal, but a gulf as wide as the Channel was on display in Sweden yesterday when the new Prime Ministers of Britain and France paraded their respective creeds for European prosperity.

At the Social Democrats' Congress in Malmo, Lionel Jospin and Tony Blair joined in the chorus of delight over the new ascendancy of the Left in European Union governments and both emphasised their devotion to the paramount goal of promoting jobs. However, their approaches were worlds apart. Favourite buzzwords spoke for the contrast between new Labour's business-friendly recipes and the classic Keynesian promises of state intervention that carried M Jospin to power.

❛ Sometimes we looked like defenders of a fading industrial past

The new way means flexible labour markets, investment in education and skills ❜

❛ Nation states remain the historic centre of democracy

We can no longer just concentrate on the economy to the detriment of people and their social concerns ❜

For Mr Blair, "flexibility" was the golden road that the Left must take to "modernise or die". M Jospin avoided the f-word, which in French left-wing ears indicates the excesses of "Anglo-Saxon liberalism". He preferred to trumpet the need for "solidarity" and "citizenship", continental code for shoring up the welfare state and protecting people against the excesses of the globalised economy. "Now we have a situation of high unemployment and low growth, increasing impoverishment ... and given that background, we can no longer just concentrate on the economy to the detriment of people and their social concerns," M Jospin said.

"Europe will get back on track for growth only if we can make short-term non-profitable investments now." That reflected the new French Government's promises to restart the economy by raising wages and creating 700,000 jobs for the young, half in the public sector.

Mr Blair, speaking in the knowledge that Britain's unemployment level is just over half that of France, pleaded for a "third way" that shunned both uncaring capitalism and old-style socialism.

"Sometimes over the last decade, we looked like defenders of a fading industrial past," Mr Blair declared. The new way "means flexible labour markets, investment in education and skills and ensuring that we are developing the type of welfare state that is compatible with what is a completely different set of economic conditions today."

In words that were familiar from the British election campaign but still unpalatable to most French Socialists, he added: "The role of government is not old-style state intervention or heaping regulations on employers.

"The new way," Mr Blair said, "is about education, skills, new technology, developing small businesses and equipping people to survive in a completely different set of economic conditions."

M Jospin also emphasised his commitment to training, and later played down the Anglo-French contrasts. He acknowledged that he did not share an "identical approach" with his Labour colleagues, "but that is what Europe is about," he said. "There is a French culture and a British Labour tradition."

Jacques Delors called the differences "nuances". The shared values of the Left meant that "there is only one Socialism", he said. The "real difference" between the British and French Left, the former President of the EU Commission insisted, was over Europe. "Mr Blair," he added, "talks of co-operation and not integration."

Mr Blair made more of Europe in his speech than M Jospin, giving a foretaste of the crusade he plans to lead to wean Europe off the rigid regulatory culture that he considers a burden on employment. He spoke of the "sense of alienation from the European ideal that is consistent throughout much of Europe. We will remove it only by showing that Europe's agenda is their agenda. That comes back to jobs."

M Jospin, whose Cabinet includes a batch of fervent Europeans, among them Elisabeth Guigou, the leading French negotiator of the Maastricht treaty, said that the key to a strong EU was answering the insecurity felt by its peoples. He also showed that he was no apostle of federalism. "Europe cannot replace nations," he said. "Nation states remain the historic centre of democracy."

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WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

Entente, not always cordiale: a stern Helmut Kohl confronts Lady Thatcher and, top right, Neville Chamberlain felt betrayed by Hitler, while, above, Winston Churchill got on relatively well with Germany's first post-war Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer

Unsteady hand of Anglo-German friendship

FROM ROGER BOYES
IN BONN

COMMENTARY

The giant paw of Helmut Kohl yesterday enveloped Tony Blair's hand and both men offered frozen smiles in the name of Anglo-German friendship. The Prime Minister did not go all the way: he did not sit on the German Chancellor's knee. Fortunately, pre-summit rumours that Herr Kohl would pose on Mr Blair's lap — a token of the shifting balance between London and Bonn — proved to be mere mischief.

"I am confident that we will come to have a good relationship," Mr Blair wrote in the mass circulation *Bild* yesterday, indicating there was some work to be done before he could mimic John Major's "my dear friend Helmut". The question of how far personal chemistry could influence the Anglo-German partnership is an intriguing one, obscured over the past 15 years by the strange, prickly relations between Herr Kohl and Margaret Thatcher.

At the Hanover Fair recently a leading German industrialist delivered ringing praise of Britain's economic performance. The Duke of Edinburgh applauded; Herr Kohl fumed and launched into a series of slightly embittered anecdotes about Baroness Thatcher. After a few minutes, the Duke leaned over the table and asked loudly: "Tell me Mr Chancellor, do you still have handbag wounds?

Lady Thatcher haunts the Chancellor — her name again pushed its way into his speech this week to international bankers in Interlaken — and his advisers will be watching carefully to see if Mr Blair adopts Thatcherite bargaining postures in Europe.

A certain wariness has always dogged the friendship between British and German leaders. Disraeli was quick to spot the significance of the Franco-Prussian war. "This war represents the German Revolution, a greater political event than the French Revolution last century." Bismarck told Germans to watch out for the "old Jew" Disraeli which was as close to open admiration as a 19th century Prussian Junker could come: his policy towards Britain however remained one of "friendly indifference."

Hitler and Neville Chamberlain were not, of course, a match made in heaven. The relationship did expose a certain Anglo-German pattern: appeasement arose out of a sense of guilt that the terms of Versailles after the First World War had been too harsh (historian Michael Howard calls it peace guilt). Chamberlain thus felt personally hurt when he was betrayed by Hitler.

Churchill got on relatively well with Germany's first postwar Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer; they were of the same generation and came to a similar conclusion about the desirability of a close Franco-German friendship. But Adenauer, who had been removed from his post as Mayor of Cologne by British officers, found it difficult to trust any British leader..

When John Major tried to become best friends with Herr Kohl — to the extent of eating steaming plateloads of blood sausage in the Chancellor's home — he set himself up for a fall, and was soon disappointed by lack of German support on British beef exports and many other issues.

Lady Thatcher would never have slipped into that trap. But her resolute hostility to the Chancellor (*He is so German!*) did not achieve much either. Somewhere between best friend and historic foe it should be possible to strike up a personal relationship with a German leader that really benefits Britain.

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Italian paratroops are accused of torturing Somalis

From Richard Owen in Rome

ITALIANS reacted with shock and disbelief yesterday to allegations that their troops had tortured Somalis during the multinational peacekeeping operation in Somalia, a former Italian colony, four years ago.

Senior defence officials said that the disclosure had cast a shadow over the army at a time when it was leading an intervention force designed to bring stability to Albania, another former Italian colony.

The weekly magazine *Panorama* published photographs of paratroops from the Folgore regiment applying electrodes to a near-naked and apparently unconscious Somali on the ground.

Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, who is visiting China, said when told of the disclosures that Italy was "not a country which tolerates torture and acts of that kind". He said the allegations would be investigated "in the most scrupulous fashion" and severe steps would be taken against those responsible. Antonino Intelisano, the chief military prosecutor in Rome, said that he had started an inquiry.

Michele Patruno, 26, who supplied the pictures, served with the regiment as a conscript and took part in the Somali operation between February and May 1993. He left the army the next month to become a salesman in Bari, in southern Italy, but had kept the photographs to himself until a local journalist overheard him talking about his experiences in a bar and persuaded him to part with the pictures.

Signor Patruno agreed that he had made "a little money" out of the transaction, but said he had acted in the public interest. "I cannot keep quiet when Italy is once again engaged abroad militarily," he said.

The photographs, reproduced on the front pages of most Italian newspapers yesterday, show paratroops holding down the Somali, with his trousers pulled down, and attaching electrodes to his body, including his genitals. Signor Patruno, who said the pictures were taken at the Italian army camp at Johar, said he had heard from other soldiers that some of the tortured Somalis had died of "physical exhaustion".

The report said the captured Somalis had been caught carrying weapons and the Italian aim had been to find out where Somali warlords were hiding their arms. The 1992-1994 peacekeeping operation, led by the United States, was intended to end fighting between the Somali militias and to secure food supplies. But it swiftly became a war against the militia chiefs, in particular Muhammad Farah Aidid, who became a demonic figure in Western eyes.

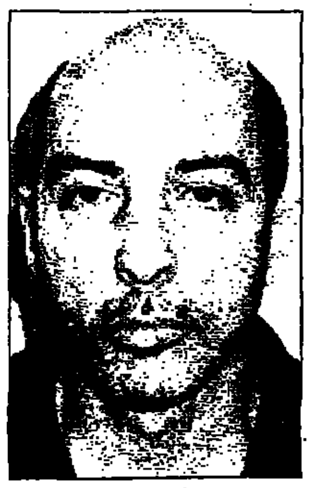
Panorama also published photographs of army lorries driving over tortoises "to see how much pressure their shells could stand". Earlier investigations into alleged maltreament of Somalis by Italian troops foundered for lack of direct evidence.

Signor Patruno said that the Italian tactic had been to deny prisoners food and water and then burn the soles of their feet if they still refused to say where weapons were hidden. In other cases, Somalis were given electric shocks or thrown against barbed wire.

He added that he had not taken part in the torture, which had amounted to "pure sadism". He said that the soldiers at Johar camp had displayed Fascist-era symbols and had often given each other Fascist salutes.

Three Italian peacekeepers were killed in Somalia in June 1993, soon after the alleged torture incident.

Mafia godfather arrested



Aglieri: had been on the run since 1989

***Rome:** Italian authorities* were jubilant yesterday after the capture of one of the country's most wanted Mafia godfathers in a dramatic raid near Palermo (Richard Owen writes). Pietro Aglieri, on the run since 1989, was captured *at a farmhouse in Bagheria*, east of the Sicilian capital, with two other Mafia hitmen.

Antonio Manganelli, Palermo's chief of police, said about 100 officers used ladders to enter the grounds of the house, and another 200 were involved *in the operation*, surrounding the premises and hiding in an orange grove.

"This was a brilliant operation," he said. "It confirms the competence of the police, the *presence of the state in Sicily* and its ability to fight the Mafia. This signifies that the Mafia is not invincible."

The gangster was driven to police headquarters. Police said Aglieri, nicknamed "*Il Signorino*" (the "Little Lord") *because of his dapper appearance* and refined manners, was one of the most brutal of Mafia gangsters.

They believe that he had tried to regroup and reorganise his forces after the arrests of Mafia bosses Salvatore ("Toto") Riina and Giovanni Brusca. Aged 37, he has already been sentenced to life in absentia for murder, and to a further 12 years for drug trafficking.

Challenge to Juppé for party leadership

From Susan Bell
in Paris

AS THE French Right ponders the wreckage of its crushing defeat by the Socialists, Alain Juppé, the defeated Gaullist Prime Minister, is facing a direct challenge to his party leadership by the popular Philippe Séguin, the Eurosceptic former Speaker of the National Assembly.

Despite calls for his resignation as president of the RPR, M Juppé, who is widely blamed as the architect of electoral defeat, has refused to resign as party leader. He stoked the fires further by proposing that elections for a new leader should be delayed until September.

M Séguin, whose presidential ambitions are well known, has long been suspected of plotting a putsch against his rival. On Thursday, he left his intentions in no doubt by putting himself forward to take over from M Juppé as RPR president.

He also said that he would stand as interim floor leader for the party's 134-strong parliamentary group when it elects its officers on Tuesday. After complaints by M Séguin, the election for party leader has been moved forward to next month. The battle for leadership of the RPR is particularly important because whoever wins will be well placed to run for the state presidency in 2002.

M Juppé has refused to say whether he will stand for the leadership. He commented to the regional daily *Sud-Ouest* yesterday that the question was "*premature*". *He added:* "I was elected and I respect democratic procedures."

This week, most Gaullist heavyweights have been rallying behind the charismatic M Séguin, who enjoys the grassroots support of his party.

In the last few days of the election campaign, the ambitious former Speaker emerged as the Right's front-runner for Prime Minister after M Juppé announced his resignation between the two rounds of voting.

Socially minded, M Séguin represents the Gaullist left wing as a vigourous supporter of job creation and help for the poor.

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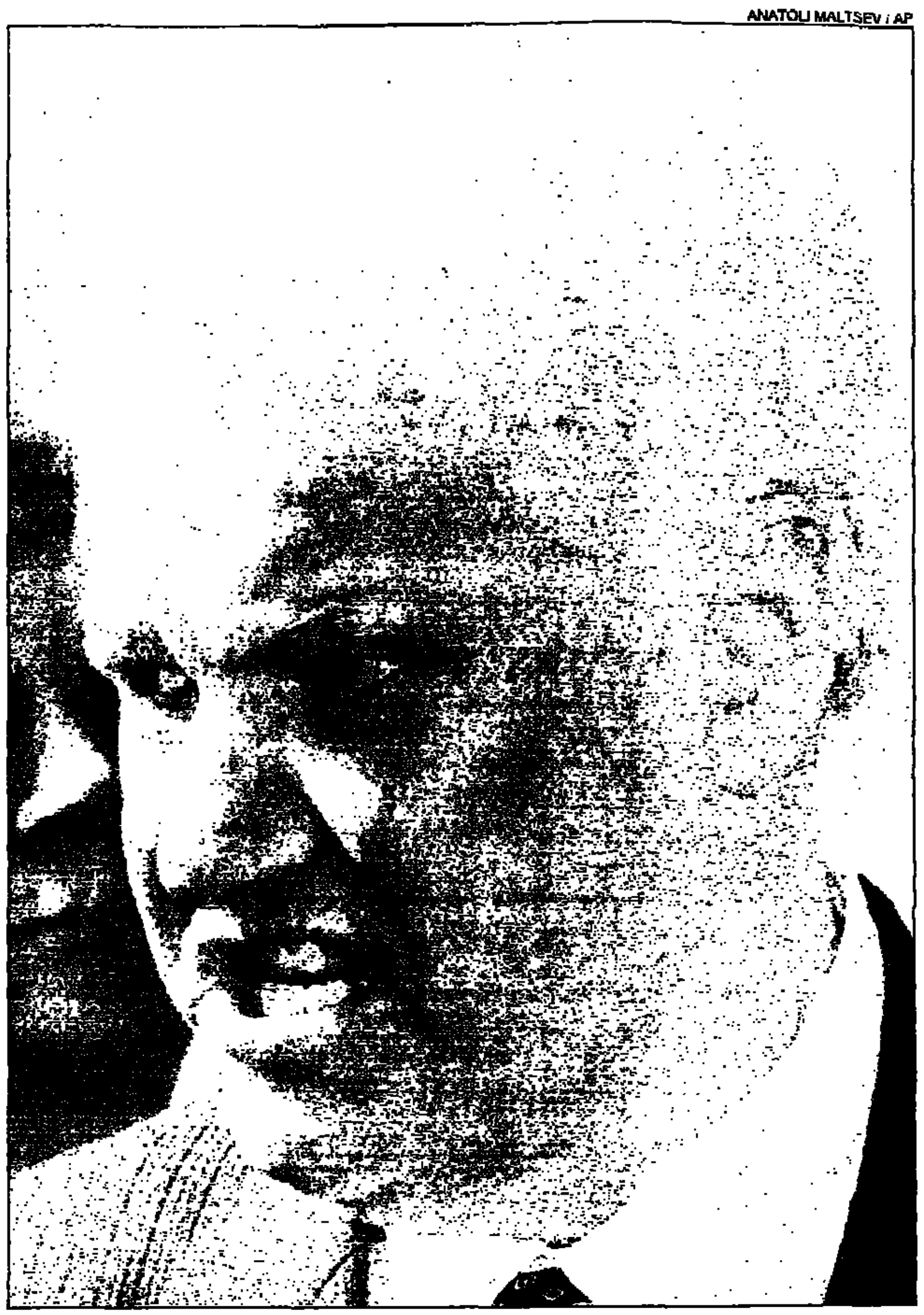

President Yeltsin, on a visit to St Petersburg yesterday, attacks corruption

Russia to hold referendum on burial of Lenin's remains

From Robin Lodge in Moscow

PRESIDENT YELTSIN yesterday called for a national referendum to be held in the autumn to decide on a final resting place for the remains of Lenin, still on display in a mausoleum on Red Square. The move comes six years after the collapse of the Soviet state that he founded.

Mr Yeltsin reiterated his view that Lenin should be buried next to his mother on the outskirts of St Petersburg, as the leader himself had proposed before his death in 1924. "Let us make it look Christian," he said. "The dead must be buried in the earth."

The Communist Party and its allies vigorously oppose any attempt to remove the remains from Red Square. The body was returned to public display in April after a three-month course of treatment by embalmers.But in contrast to the old Soviet Union days when queues snaked around the square, the mausoleum now attracts few visitors; these are mostly curious tourists rather than the faithful paying homage.

Given the opposition of the Communists, who have strong support in the provinces, the outcome of a referendum is far from certain. A poll in March showed 48 per cent favoured a burial for Lenin, 38 per cent opposed a move and the rest were undecided.

☐ **Tbilisi:** Fourteen people have been charged in connection with a 1995 bomb attack against Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader. The suspects include former political supporters and security service chiefs. *(AP)*

Governors warned by Yeltsin on bribery

From Richard Befston
in Moscow

PRESIDENT YELTSIN yesterday signalled the start of an anti-corruption drive against Russia's powerful regional bosses, singling out one particularly outspoken Governor who could face dismissal and even prosecution.

In a weekly radio address to the nation, the Russian leader, who has made the fight against corruption a priority for his new Government, turned the spotlight away from fraud in the military and on to the regions, where leaders often rule their far-flung provinces like private fiefdoms.

"I want to make special mention of bribe-taking and embezzlement of public funds ... we have many senior government officials who, on getting extensive powers, immediately open up their big pockets. They do not feel shame or fear. They think that if they are far from Moscow there will be no control over them," Mr Yeltsin said.

"They are wrong. We will start by checking declarations of income and property. We will smack them so hard on their hands that this will discourage them," he said.

He described the situation in the Far Eastern Primorsky Krai as "the most desperate" *and accused Yevgeni Nazdratenko*, the Governor, of "illiterate and short-sighted policy". Mr Nazdratenko is a controversial regional politician who has angered the Kremlin with his racist attacks on Chinese merchants and his condemnation of a recent border agreement between Moscow and Beijing.

Although Mr Nazdratenko was elected Governor with 60 per cent support 18 months ago, the Kremlin seems determined to remove him. President Yeltsin recently appointed General Viktor Kondratov, the local head of the Federal Security Services, as his regional representative, in a direct challenge to the authority of the Governor.

☐ **Ex-governor held:** Nikolai Sevryugin, former Governor of the central Russian Tula region, was detained on suspicion of receiving a £61,000 bribe, Interfax news agency reported. *(AP)*

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Firm that pioneered 'trade not aid' accused of failing to honour Amazon contracts

Sacked crusader for tribes wins Body Shop case

Gabriella Gamini reports from Rio de Janeiro on the souring of a commercial deal with endangered Indians

THE Body Shop cosmetics company has been ordered to pay $80,000 (£49,000) for the "unfair dismissal" of a Brazilian whom it had employed to mediate with the Kayapo Indian tribe, which produces the Brazil nut oil used to make a bestselling hair conditioner.

Judge Miguel Raimundo Viegas Peixoto, in the Amazonian city of Conçeiçao do Araguaia, ordered the Body Shop to pay Saulo Petean, a specialist in indigenous tribes, the money in compensation for unfair dismissal, unpaid social security contributions, bonus pay and tax contributions required by Brazilian labour laws.

A Body Shop International representative in Britain said that the company has appealed against the decision.

Blaire Plaisie, Body Shop International spokeswoman, said: "We are concerned by the decision, and believe that he was a contracted person rather than a full-time staff member."

In his ruling, Judge Peixoto said the Body Shop had "sought every way to masquerade the employment link to free itself of its legal responsibilities". The judge ruled that testimony to prove otherwise, brought forward by the Body Shop, was "entirely fragile and contradictory" and that the company had failed to justify Senhor Petean's dismissal in January 1996.

The Body Shop began a "trade not aid" agreement with the Kayapo, a tribe of Amazonian Indians, in 1991, and employed Senhor Petean, who has lived for 20 years with Brazilian tribes, to mediate and help to manage the link. But the relationship soured.

Senhor Petean, 45, lives among the Kayapo Indians in their small jungle villages in the south of the state of Pará, for six months of the year. The rest of the year he spends in the town of Redencao, the nearest to the remote Kayapo villages, where he has set up a company with the Indians to sell Brazil nut oil, eco-friendly holidays in the villages, and handicrafts.

> ‘We thought it would be an economic alternative to save our habitat’

The debate about whether the Kayapos' trading link with the multimillion dollar cosmetics company has been beneficial to the tribe has been raging for months. Dozens of smiling, painted faces had greeted Anita Roddick, the Body Shop's founder, when she first visited the remote Indian villages of A-Ukre and Pukanu in Amazon rainforest, nearly seven years ago, and proposed the innovative agreement.

The company would buy oil produced from the Brazil nuts, and the income generated would go towards improving the health and social conditions of the endangered tribe. The Body Shop advertised worldwide that its bestselling hair conditioner was made with oil produced by endangered Kayapo Indians, giving the product a marketable "ecological" tag.

It was the Kayapos' first formal trade link with white society. Hailed as a landmark for the proponents of ethical trade, it seemed to promise an "economic alternative" for the Amazonian Indians, who had for long fallen prey to illegal timber merchants and gold prospectors.

But years on, this relationship also seems to have soured. The chiefs of the two villages have complained about their people having to work too hard for too little. Sceptical of the intentions of most white people, they have said that the deal with the company, which prides itself on ethical trade, is a form of "white men's commercial exploitation".

Anita Roddick, the founder of the Body Shop, in 1992 with the Kayapo Indians she had pledged to save

Chief Paulinho Paiakan, of the A-Ukre village, said during a meeting with other tribal chiefs a year ago: "We thought it would be an economic alternative to help us to preserve our habitat and make us economically independent from our old enemies. But it has not turned out quite so. We see this as business with people who want to make a profit from us. It's just another form of white men's commercial exploitation."

Chief Pykaty-Re, whose picture making a "thumbs up" gesture appeared in some of the Body Shop's outlets across 46 countries, said many of his tribespeople had become dissatisfied with the Brazil nut oil trade and that nut oil workers had demanded higher prices for their product.

"We want to make oil because we need the income and are desperate. But my people are angry because the benefits from the hard work required in harvesting Brazil nuts have reached only a minority," he said.

The villagers claimed that the $70,000 earned by each village from selling 4,000kg of Brazil nut oil every year is not enough for the 700 people living in the two villages. They also blamed tribal infighting on the fact that only two of 20 Kayapo villages, in the reserve area, were chosen to deal with the Body Shop.

The company says that it has never committed itself to dealing with all the villages. But this seems to have become an "expectation" among the Kayapo. About 4,000 Kayapo Indians live in the Amazon rainforest and 300 work directly with Brazil nut harvests.

Chief Pykaty-Re also said that health and education projects, which were promised by the Body Shop as part of the agreement, have not materialised.

The Body Shop commissioned an internal report in 1995, having recognised that "there were problems and issues to be addressed in the project", and contracts had been inadequate.

The Body Shop strongly rejected criticisms of its trade link with the Kayapo. Adrian Hodges, a Body Shop spokesman in the UK, said the company had taken "appropriate action" on the report's recommendations, such as installing a new management structure with consultants working directly with Brazil's official body representing indigenous groups. "We carry on helping developing the project at a considerable cost to the business," Mr Hodges said.

Water cools tempers in Singapore war of words with Malaysia

Goh: seeks reconciliation

Bangkok: Goh Chok Tong, the Prime Minister of Singapore, called yesterday for reconciliation in an escalating row with Malaysia. He is concerned that insults being traded between the two countries could end with Malaysia pulling the plug on the island's water supply (Andrew Drummond writes).

While Chinese-dominated Singapore views itself as richer and superior to its mainly Malay neighbour, insults have been flying in Malaysia's direction. But what the island republic failed to take into account was that what Malaysia has and Singapore does not is the source of life. This week, panicked politicians called for urgent studies to find alternative water resources, indicating the seriousness of the rift.

The trading of insults began early this year when Lee Kuan Yew, the former Prime Minister of Singapore, described in an affidavit Johor Bahru, capital of Malaysia's southern Johor state, as a place of "muggings, shootings and car jackings". Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, retorted that Singapore was a place where police were needed to stop people urinating in lifts.

The barrage of insults continued in the *New Straits Times* of Malaysia and the *Straits Times* of Singapore. At the end of last month Thailand was dragged into the row when a cartoon in the *New Straits Times* showed Mr Lee handing out condoms to Singaporean travellers going on holiday to Thailand and Indonesia. Singaporeans have a repuation for being the region's sex tourists. Thailand was offended because the cartoon implied that the country was a Aids risk. The Singaporean media retaliated by declaring that it would be tantamount to treason for anyone to go on holiday to Malaysia.

The Thai Foreign Ministry yesterday called the dispute unfortunate and hoped the two would end the "unbecoming squabble".

WORLD SUMMARY

Germany to scrutinise Scientology

Bonn: Germany is to place the Church of Scientology under nationwide observation by federal and state anti-extremist watchdogs.

Manfred Kanther, the federal Interior Minister, and Germany's 16 regional states said in a statement that a working group had found that sufficient suspicion of anti-democratic intent existed for them legally to place Scientology, which Germany does not recognise as a religion, under surveillance. *(Reuter)*

Tanker blast

Lagos: An oil tanker exploded and caught fire in the bay off Lagos, sending hundreds of workers in the city centre rushing from their offices in panic. Shipping authorities said the vessel, *al-Zenab*, was empty when fire broke out off Atlas Cove jetty. A Nigerian official said it had not yet been established if there had been any casualties. *(Reuter)*

Skyway robbery

Bogotá: The pilot of a helicopter laden with more than £300,000 in cash told police he was shot down and robbed on the Colombian capital's eastern outskirts. The police said the pilot and two crew members were being questioned about whether the shots were sufficient to bring down the machine. *(Reuter)*

Missile strike

Ankara: General Erol Ozkasnak said Kurdish rebels had used SA7 missiles to shoot down two Turkish army helicopters in northern Iraq. The Turkish officer said the rebels had for the first time gained access to such weaponry from Iran, Syria, Armenia, Greece and Cyprus. *(Reuter)*

Frozen asset

Paris: Claudine Cornille is keeping in her freezer a chunk of ice that fell from the sky and smashed through her suburban roof. She is hoping to trace its owner through an analysis of the ice and sue for repairs. Her home is under the busy flightpath to Roissy airport. *(Reuter)*

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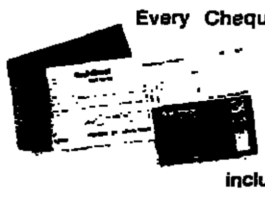

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Claims of fraud as Zeroual party wins Algerian election

Even before the results of an election dogged by violence were announced, the Opposition claimed it had been cheated, writes **Peter Shaw-Smith** in Algiers

PRO-GOVERNMENT parties swept to victory with a substantial majority yesterday in the first general election in Algeria since the Islamic insurgency started five years ago.

President Zeroual's National Democratic Rally won 155 of the 380 seats in the National Assembly, while the pro-government National Liberation Front (FLN) — which as the former sole ruling party had run the country for nearly three decades after independence from France in 1962 — took 64, according to Interior Ministry figures.

Hamas, the Movement for a Society of Peace, a moderate Islamic party led by Sheikh Mahfoud Nahnah, won 69 seats. Annahda, the Renaissance Movement, another Islamic party, polled about 8 per cent of the vote to win 34 seats; it will be the fourth-largest party in parliament.

The Rally for Culture and Democracy, and the Berber party, the Socialist Forces Front, came equal fifth, both with 19 seats each.

The result represented a 65.5 per cent turnout of voters, but was 9 percentage points lower than when President Zeroual, a retired army general, won the presidential election in 1995. This week's vote leaves power firmly in his hands.

Opposition leaders cried foul even before yesterday's results were announced. They complained of ballot box stuffing and claiming that observers were not given free access to voting stations.

The leader of the Front for Socialist Forces, Hocine Ait-Ahmed, said: "The elections were neither free nor honest." Mr Nahnah's party filed complaints, alleging about 400 cases of electoral fraud. It claimed officials tampered with votes at mobile polling stations used in remote areas. "Movable polling stations belong to the single-party era," Mr Nahnah said.

The FLN joined in allegations of poll irregularities. "These figures do not reflect the truth," a spokesman said.

The results give President Zeroual a wide choice to select a prime minister from among his supporters, including the outgoing Ahmed Ouyahia.

The Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) was poised to the win the 1991 election when the result was annulled and the party banned. Since then a vicious civil war has raged between the army and the FIS which has claimed about 60,000 lives. Exiled FIS leaders had called for a boycott of the vote.

Official reports by international observers representing the United Nations, the Organisation for African Unity and the Arab League are expected in the next few days.

President Zeroual's Government has set its sights on reducing the importance of religious issues. It is probably fair to say that most Algerians want a relatively secular state, but the true level of support for the generals who rule the country is impossible to gauge.

Kim Tong Eok, a UN observer from South Korea, said he had overseen voting in the Harache area and the city centre of Algiers. He commended the "peaceful atmosphere" during voting and said proceedings had been well organised.

No official statement was available from Francisco Cobos, the co-ordinator of UN observers.

François Burgat, a French academic and Algerian expert based at Aix-en-Provence University, said last month that the elections were "not about electing a government in Algeria but about electing an opposition to the regime." The National Democratic Rally was formed only two months ago under Abdel Kader Bensaleh, a former FLN official. Whether the upper house, the Majlis el Choura, which is due to be elected this year, will bolster the Opposition remains to be seen. President Zeroual has the power to appoint a third of its members. France said the election had shown a longing for peace but said it would await the verdict of foreign observers before commenting on the result.

A woman casts her ballot at a mobile voting station in an Algiers suburb. The Opposition has alleged vote-rigging at such venues

Judge pops 165 questions so Molly can wed David

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

WHEN Molly Teets and David Harris pledge undying love for each other in a quaint old Lutheran church in southern Michigan this summer, they will have a 16-page questionnaire on file to prove they mean it.

As required by their local judge, Molly and David each answered 165 multiple-choice questions last month in separate interviews, ranging from money matters and their hopes for children to their sex lives. The results came back this week. Graded by computer, they scored well. They are now cleared to marry.

Lenawee County, an hour's drive from Detroit, has become America's first jurisdiction to make every couple planning a wedding undergo premarital counselling. As church and civic leaders struggle to bring down a 50 per cent national divorce rate, no fewer than 11 states are considering following the county's lead.

The new regime in this rural Midwestern tract of 80,000 souls took effect on June 1, but has no basis in law. Instead, Judge James Sheridan agreed with 60 churchmen and the 12 other officials empowered to conduct marriages in the county not to do so unless shown proof that the couple had been counselled.

"We have not turned people away yet, but I would not be surprised if we end up doing that," he said.

Judge Sheridan, a church-going conservative with a colourful turn of phrase, likened the move to the survival instincts of a crowd being charged by elephants. With a woeful local divorce rate of 68 per cent, "divorce prevention in Lenawee County is a community issue", he said.

"The victims are not just individuals and their children; the community pays the bills," he said. His chosen questionnaire, or "premarital inventory", covers 12 marital problem areas, including "conflict resolution". It costs $30 (£20) to take the test which, according to its author, Dr David Olson, of the University of Minneapolis, can predict a divorce with 85 per cent accuracy.

Democrats 'funded by dead donors'

Washington: Democrats received at least $200,000 (£122,000) in campaign funds from donors now shown to be fictitious or dead, government investigators suspect (Bronwen Maddox writes).

The donors of two similar cheques secured by John Huang, a leading fundraiser now being investigated, cannot be traced, according to *The New York Times*.

One for $3,000 bore the name of Michele Lima, a New York exercise instructor who died in 1986. Another for $4,000 was signed Hong Jen Chiao, a person investigators believe does not exist. Both were written on the same day, apparently in the same handwriting, and had the same spelling mistake.

Clinton to rule on adulterous general

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX
IN WASHINGTON

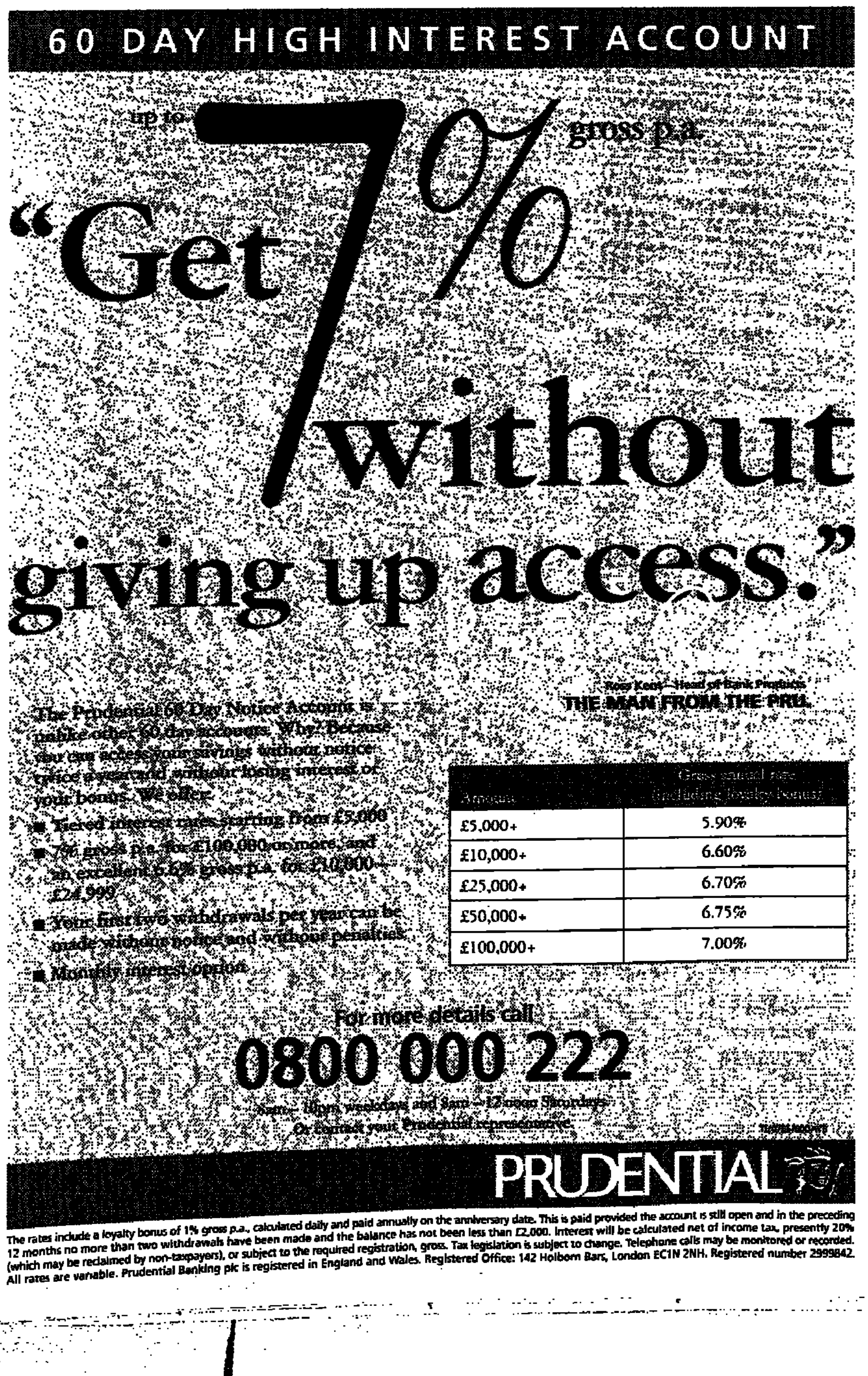
WILLIAM COHEN, the US Defence Secretary, came under fierce attack yesterday for supporting "double standards" in the growing row over sex in the military, after his suggestion that a key candidate for a top post should not be disqualified because of his adultery.

The White House yesterday distanced itself from Mr Cohen's decision to support General Joseph Ralston, saying that President Clinton, not the Pentagon, would make the final judgment on the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Mr Cohen came under fierce attack from Republicans and Democrats in the House of Representatives where he was accused of stretching the "good old boy network" to protect General Ralston from the censure or punishment recently doled out to lesser-ranking officers.

In the most highly publicised scandal, Lieutenant Kelly Flinn, the first female B52 pilot in America, was discharged from the US Air Force last month after being threatened with a court martial for her relationship with a married civilian.

Mr Cohen's office was challenged to explain why she deserved such treatment while General Ralston, who had a year-long affair with a CIA intelligence officer while separated from his wife, should be a candidate for one of the military's highest posts.



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Hussein admits costly mistake over Six Day War

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King Hussein: "In reality, it was probably our duty to try to prevent this country from being part of that battle"

By Christopher Walker
Middle East Correspondent

KING HUSSEIN of Jordan confessed to his countrymen, in a candid speech to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Six Day War, that he considers his decision to fight alongside other Arab nations was a costly mistake.

When war broke out on June 5, 1967, the Sandhurst-trained monarch rejected the offer from Levi Eshkol, the Israeli Prime Minister, that no action would be taken against Jordan if it stayed out of the conflict. Instead, the King told the United Nations mediator: "They started the battle. Well, they are receiving our reply by air."

In remarks published yesterday showing the honesty that has become the hallmark of his diplomacy, the King, 61, said: "In reality, it was probably our duty to try to prevent this country from being part of that battle."

In the past, the King has alluded to the war as a mistake, but has never been so frank about his own lack of judgment. His thirtieth anniversary speech was aimed at rallying flagging support among Jordanians for his efforts to build peace with Israel. Jordan signed a peace treaty with the Jewish state in 1994, the only Arab country besides Egypt to do so. Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Saudi Arabia also fought Israel in the war.

Israeli troops celebrate victory at al-Aqsa mosque, the heart of captured Arab east Jerusalem, in 1967

In his 30-minute address, the Jordanian leader rebuked Muslim fundamentalists and nationalists opposed to the 1994 accord, recalling that a tide of Arab nationalism inspired him to enter the 1967 war despite attempts by America and others to persuade him to stay out.

The King blamed Jordan's humiliating defeat on a lack of co-ordination among the Arab armies. In the speech broadcast by Jordan radio, he dismissed Arab mobilisation for the war as "merely propaganda, radio speeches, talk . . . that was not based on any reality or real preparation".

In a separate analysis published yesterday by *The Jerusalem Post*, the columnist Amotz Asa-El noted: "As late as the morning of June 5, 1967, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol tried, through American mediation, to dissuade Hussein from joining the war. Had Hussein heeded that advice, there might have been no West Bank settlements today." During the brief war, Jordan lost the West Bank — now home to about 144,000 Jewish settlers, most determined never to leave — and the Arab sector of Jerusalem, including al-Aqsa mosque, Islam's third holiest shrine and a symbol of King Hussein's legitimacy. His Hashemite clan has taken care of Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem since early this century.

The King's address contrasted starkly with his broadcast on the day of defeat. Speaking then in a voice hoarse with fatigue and emotion, he told his people: "We have fought with heroism and honour. Some day the Arab nations will recognise the role Jordan played in the war."

Jordan was overwhelmed by 200,000 Palestinian refugees, the second wave since the 1948 Middle East War. That swelled the desert kingdom's refugee population to 850,000.

More than 6,000 soldiers were reported killed or missing, and many Jordanian tanks and fighter aircraft were destroyed by the Israeli Air Force.

In his speech, the King — who is facing mounting domestic criticism of the 1994 treaty with Israel — reiterated his commitment to helping the Palestinians to regain their territorial and political rights, but emphasised that his country would not become a substitute for a Palestinian state.

White 'Nubian' joins race for benefits

By Tunku Varadarajan

AN EGYPTIAN immigrant, descended from Nubians, has sued the US Government for classifying him as white.

Mostafa Hefny, 46, a naturalised American citizen, wishes to be reclassified as black. Bewildered by the working of the country's rules on race, Mr Hefny has declared that he is "much blacker than General Colin Powell". He also insists that his hair is "a black man's hair" and that his features are "a black man's features".

Mr Hefny is particularly aggrieved by his "whiteness" because it denies him access to a range of grants, loans, benefits and advantages available only to Americans from minority groups.

The problem arises from Directive No 15 of the Office of Management and Budgets, which regulates America's complex human taxonomy. A black is defined as a person who has origins in the "typical racial groups of Africa". Yet the directive treats Egypt as part of the Middle East, whose peoples are regarded as white.

Alabama Klan man executed

Washington: A Ku-Klux-Klan member was executed yesterday in Alabama for the murder of a black teenager, the first white man to be put to death in the state for killing a black since 1913 (Bronwen Maddox writes).

Henry Francis Hays, 42, was executed after telling his brother he loved him and refusing a last meal. He was convicted of the lynching in 1981 of Michael Donald, 19.

James "Tiger" Knowles, who took part in the murder, was jailed for life. They had driven around poor neighbourhoods of Mobile looking for someone black to kill.

Migrants 'spell doom for Republicans'

Tunku Varadarajan reports from New York on a prediction that it will be almost impossible for a Republican President to be elected after 2008

THE Republican Party might never again have a President in the White House if immigration from the Third World to the United States continues at present levels, two leading political analysts have argued.

Writing in the latest issue of the conservative *National Review*, Peter Brimelow and Ed Rubenstein assert that "the Republican hour is rapidly drawing to a close". They say: "The party is being drowned by the immigrant influx from groups with significant — sometimes overwhelming — Democratic propensities."

The authors, senior editors at the magazine, predict that it will be virtually impossible for a Republican President to be elected after 2008. The British-born Mr Brimelow is a familiar figure in America's incendiary immigration debates. Reviled by liberals, he was pilloried as a racist after the publication of his book, *Alien Nation*, in which he lamented "the browning of America" and called unchecked immigration a "demographic problem of seismic proportions which is snuffing out the American nation like a candle in a gale".

Mr Brimelow and Mr Rubenstein now blame the 1965 Immigration Act for threatening to consign the Republicans to oblivion. The Act abolished quotas by national origin and gave poor, unskilled Third World immigrants the same shot at the American Dream as educated Europeans. As a result of that continuing influx, the party's share of the vote in presidential elections is predicted to slide inexorably. It could dip below 50 per cent in 2008 and fall as low as 45.3 per cent by 2052. The authors say that the Republican high-water mark — 53 per cent of the vote when George Bush beat Michael Dukakis in 1988 — can never be repeated.

White Americans have always favoured the Republicans, but as the proportion of non-white voters rises, the numerical advantages of having the white vote recede. New waves of immigrants, say the authors, will inevitably turn their backs on a Republican party which favours less welfare, less "affirmative action" and lower taxes. The Democrats, tasting blood, are likely to pander furiously to the newcomers' concerns.

These new waves of immigrants will also cancel out any rightward shifts among immigrants who come to be assimilated.

The article makes an appeal to the Republican Party to "rethink" its position on immigration, treating the question as a matter of simple political survival. "The trend is not our friend," they say. "Why take the risk?"

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Modern-day Joan of Arc defends Socialist bastion and sets her sights on the presidency

Jospin's deputy goes native

LILLE FILE
by CHARLES BREMNER

SPECIAL excitement is in the air as Lille celebrates its annual fête this weekend.

Decked with flowers, the old capital of French Flanders is reopening its renowned Fine Arts Museum after a six-year renovation. It is also playing host today to President Chirac for his first appearance since his party's rout by Lionel Jospin and the Socialists in last Sunday's general election.

Wags in the cafés around Lille's cobbled Grand'Place think the humiliated Gaullist may extend his sulk inside the Elysée Palace rather than keep his long-standing appointment on hostile territory. The city is not only France's most enduring Socialist bastion: it is also the adopted home of Martine Aubry, the woman whose campaigning did much to ensure the victory of M Jospin and who is now his Deputy Prime Minister.

During the campaign Mme Aubry, 46, a French "diva of the opinion polls", could be seen on television dissecting the antics of M Chirac's Gaullists. Mme Aubry has been a heavyweight in her own right since serving as a minister under President Mitterrand, but as she gets older her earnest mien and caustic style recall more than ever those qualities in her father, Jacques Delors, former European Commission President.

A woman with a Joan of Arc passion for social justice and her eyes on the long-term goal of the presidency, Mme Aubry now heads a superministry for employment and social security. She is known to have hoped for the Finance Ministry, but her post puts her in the front line of M Jospin's promised battle to create jobs through higher wages while staying on course for monetary union. "France does not need the monetary straitjacket any more. It is time to start spending and get the economy going," she says.

Much admired, but not loved, Mme Aubry has finally earned her political spurs by getting elected as a Lille MP. Like many of the Mitterrand ministers, she is a product of the civil service who reached high office without electoral blessing. In 1995 she was taken under the wing of Pierre Mauroy, the veteran Mayor of Lille, and became his deputy. This time, the party moved out Bernard Davoine, the sitting Socialist MP, and she increased his majority for herself. But her parliamentary career ended as soon as it began because ministers must hand over their seats to a stand-in. M Davoine gets his seat back.

Mme Aubry has, however, no intention of giving up her power base. She has been effectively named as M Muroy's successor as Mayor in 2001. Over the past two years she has thrown herself into the native culture. An honorary "chti", as the people from the mining north call themselves, she has been trying to lose the image of the Parisienne "parachutist". "She really tries. She can hoe into the mussels, chips and beer like the best of us," an admirer says.

Station's escalating woes

THE high-tech Lille Europe station, designed by Jean Nouvel in the airy glass-and-aluminium style beloved of Fench architects, is not greatly admired. In winter, the wind whistles through, bringing snow into the main concourse.

This week citizens found out why it took so long for them to reach the platforms. The management had been swindled by an escalator company which supplied only two moving staircases, while taking payment for 12.

EPA

Martine Aubry, whose earnest mien and caustic style recall the qualities of her father, Jacques Delors, former President of the European Commission

Big ideas from city 'elephant'

NAMING his ministers, M Jospin kept out the older generation known as "*les éléphants du socialisme*". The biggest elephant is M Mauroy, 69, who has occupied the Lille mayor's office for 24 years, three of them while also serving as Mitterrand's first Prime Minister in the early 1980s.

"He's my political godfather," says the former Mlle Delors, who speaks with an affection widespread in Lille for the city boss. Devoted to the old-fashioned socialism of the north, M Mauroy is the power behind a renaissance that has turned Lille from an industrial graveyard into a model of urban renewal.

His big break was when he persuaded Margaret Thatcher, in the early 1980s, to back the Channel Tunnel, a scheme which he saw could turn the town into "a great European crossroads" only a couple of hours from London, Paris and Brussels. It largely worked. A stroll through the bustling old centre offers a glimpse of prosperous France.

However, his schemes are sometimes a bit too grand. He is still smarting from the failure in March to win a place for Lille on the shortlist for the venue of the 2004 Olympics.

Spanish protesters halt French traffic

FROM REUTER IN MADRID

HUNDREDS of Spanish lorry drivers and farmers blockaded the French border yesterday to protest against attacks by their French counterparts on their vehicles and produce, union officials said.

The protesters blocked the main crossing at La Jonquera, stopping vehicles from passing the highway toll.

Last night Jacques Rummelhardt, a French Foreign Ministry spokesman, condemned violence perpetrated by his country's farmers and called for a police report on the incidents.

The Spanish farmers' union insisted the protest would remain peaceful and was aimed at drawing the attention of the new French Government to the aggressive behaviour of French lorry drivers and farmers towards their Spanish neighbours. "We have suffered extreme aggression towards our drivers, goods and warehouses for many years, and we simply ask that the single market principle be respected," said Miguel López, the union's general co-ordinator. The union reported that almost 1,000 protesters had gathered at the crossing. Media reports put the figure at 500.

The Spanish Agriculture Ministry said it did not support the action, and favoured talks. "This action just weakens the negotiating position of the Spanish Government, which believes that this is not a bilateral problem between France and Spain, but a European Union problem," said Loyola de Palacio, the Agriculture Minister.

Last week Spanish farmers gathered at the French Embassy in Madrid, throwing tomatoes in protest at French drivers' behaviour.

World Cup footballs 'from Chinese jails'

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN SHANGHAI

FOOTBALLS for next year's World Cup finals in France are being made in Chinese prison camps, a freed political dissident said yesterday.

Bao Ge, jailed for conducting a sit-in protest in 1994 in Shanghai, said after his release on Tuesday that he had been forced to make footballs for 15 hours a day and was paid 20 yuan (£1.47) a month. Mr Bao was held at the Dafeng prison camp in the eastern province of Jiangsu.

"At first we made colour bulbs, but we were not paid. Since the end of 1995 we made footballs and received wages. The light bulbs were for export. The footballs were for the World Cup tournament in France next year," he said.

Mr Bao, whose job was to wax the balls, said they were inscribed with the words "France 1998 FIFA World Cup". He said that "minders", whose job was to monitor his activities, identified the company producing and selling the balls as the Shanghai Zhiqiu Lianhe Co. in Shanghai's southeastern Nanhui region.

An official in the company's sales department confirmed that they were making footballs for export to France — some for souvenirs and others for use in the competition. The official said that the footballs were made in Jiangsu "by hired rural workers", but she denied that prison labour was involved.

So far, the company has exported 30,000 balls to France through the Shanghai Lansheng Export Import Co. An export company representative was unable to confirm if the balls would actually be used in World Cup matches, although he said they were of competition standard.

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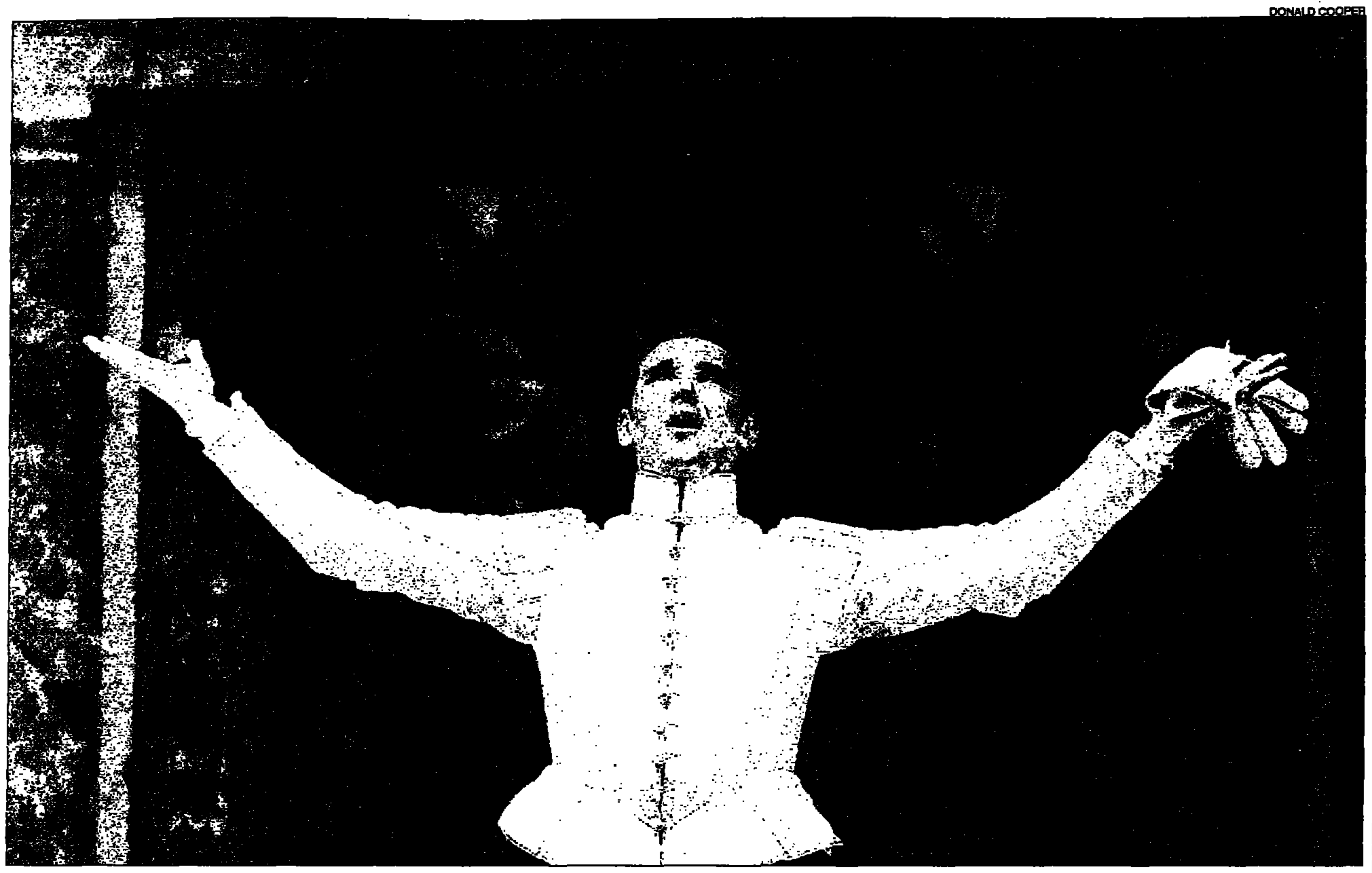


DONALD COOPER

Mark Rylance, oddly muted as the king in a production of *Henry V* that failed to make the best of the most appropriate setting it has encountered in nearly 400 years

Summon up the bloodless

Henry V
Globe

I cannot remember how many times the Chorus in *Henry V* has invited me to imagine that the helmets that affrighted the air at Agincourt are crammed into a wooden O and that a cockpit is holding the vasty fields of France. What I do know is that the cockpit has usually been a Barbican or Royal Shakespeare Theatre, and the circle or cylinder a rectangle or cube.

How marvellous, then, to be at the Globe and see for myself that what Mark Rylance's Henry, doubling as the Chorus, called an O, a cockpit and an "unworthy scaffold" were identical to the ones audiences would have encountered 400 years ago.

But that is, of course, only the start. If our imaginations are to play their part, they need a little more help than even Shakespeare's verbal scene-painting can provide. There were times yesterday when I wondered if Richard Olivier, the director, could not give the Bard greater backup in what is, or ought to be, a thrilling updating of the David and Goliath story.

Partly the problem is that Olivier cannot call on as many players as Shakespeare's company could presumably muster, with the result that a small English army looks like a slightly expanded version of the Famous Five. Even so, the alarums sounded muffled, the scaling ladders mentioned in the stage directions did not appear, the smoke of war was a cigarette puff, the offstage yells were few and unmartial, and the soldiery seemed unflustered and unenergetic. Perhaps this would not vastly matter if there were tension and excitement off the battlefield; but there could be more of both.

Rylance is a fine actor, but oddly muted here. His Henry is not a romantic Laurence Olivier nor a ravaged modern antihero, but an introspective young man with a modest but confident manner and a strong sense of conscience. This overlooks the ruthlessness with which he must order French prisoners killed, but is still a legitimate reading. What is lacking, though, is much sense of strain and inner turmoil. Only when Rylance falls to his knees before Agincourt and vows to make greater reparations for his father's regicide do we feel the desperation of Henry's moral and political gamble.

The cast is all male, as it would have been in 1599. There is a lot of doubling, too, although this does enable John McEnery to add a splendidly fly, ferrety Pistol to his grave Archbishop of Canterbury and harried Governor of Harfleur.

Bill Stewart and Ben Walden make some impression as his lowlife companions, but David Fielder needs to work harder on that wonderful study of dogged Welsh chauvinism, Fluellen.

Still, the audience entered into such spirit as there was. When Matthew Scurfield's Exeter, who also did a stint as Chorus, shook his head in horror at conspiracy, it hissed and booed its agreement. It also made its dislike of French swank and sympathy with English Euro-bashing very clear. Even the girls crowded beside the stage did their best to look like greyhounds standing in the slips when Rylance leaned forward and invited them to join him in the breach. It would have been nice if everyone onstage had broken sweat, too.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Looking for the meat in this aspic

K'Far (The Village)
Lyric, Hammersmith

PLAYWRIGHTS regard their childhood through rose-tinted spectacles. Grief and cruelty are in evidence but rather as a portion of sharp-tasting fish is present in a canapé, where the golden glow of aspic surrounds all. A golden glow can be pleasant enough, and the vicissitudes of childhood have their interest, especially if occurring in a place that has changed mightily and a time that has totally vanished. But after a while one longs for more substantial content or, in this case, less sweetness in the treatment.

Internationally known for *Ghetto*, Joshua Sobol has written this present play for the Gesher ("Bridge") Theatre of Tel Aviv. Yevgeny Arye's company has a cast of 20, an impressive set, plenty of music, and is part of the Lift '97 season.

Israel was still called Palestine when Sobol was a child, as it is for his spokesman Yossi, described in the programme as "an eternal youth" and in the dialogue as "a dumbo". This means that he is sweet-natured, grins a lot and his limbs gangle. Nor does death seem to him quite what it does to other people. His favourite goat and the family turkey continue to chatter to him, although one has choked to death on a silk stocking and the other gone into the oven.

The deaths of human beings do grieve him, though perhaps it is the odd short-lasting grief that occurs in a dream, much as the events he recalls float into bright, hallucinogenic existence for a few moments and then fade into darkness. Beginning when the outcome of the battle of El Alamein is still in doubt, and ending with the establishment of the state of Israel, the figures of Yossi's past do indeed come floating on to the stage, standing, sleeping, sitting, cycling on a revolving ring that brings them out from behind the far curtain and will eventually carry them back there.

This staging never forfeits our interest, and Arye finds ingenious ways to vary its use as an arena where a friendly Arab sells manure, an English captain loves a Jewish doctor's wife, a brother is married and killed, a turkey killed and eaten. Music surges, eccentric friends do their mad thing, life and death go on, all boldly presented to emphasise the feel-good factor. They are all working so hard to make us love them, but a sweet simpleton's viewpoint can offer only a very partial truth.

JEREMY KINGSTON

A diabolical poetic dialogue

JAZZ

Mike Westbrook
Salisbury Festival

The Romanesque splendour of Wilton church was an inspired choice as the backdrop for the revival of Mike Westbrook's best-known work of the 1970s, his settings of William Blake. *Bright as Fire* pulls no emotional punches, Blake's visionary words ably matched by some of Westbrook's most trenchant writing, and the opening joyous exuberance of *Glad Day* leads swiftly into the bleak landscape of *London*, with its "marks of weakness, marks of woe".

The range of Blake's poetry puts considerable demands on any singer attempting to interpret it. Kate Westbrook and Phil Minton proved as suited to the task now as they did 20 years ago, and their experience was matched by the innocence of the girls' choir of Leaden Hall School. Whether declaiming or singing, this material is Kate Westbrook's forte, her voice dropping to a whisper or robustly holding its own against Chris Biscoe's screaming soprano sax.

In much of his recent work Minton has been exploring the extremes of vocal performance, from the strangulated constriction of his singing with Pat Thomas and Scatter, to the primeval screams of his recordings with Bob Ostertag. Tackling the Blake settings once again, he brought added depth to his work, a kind of crumpled world-weariness that was as evident in his resonantly sung phrases in *Let the Slave* as in his extraordinary diabolical dialogue during *Long John Brown and Little Mary Bell*.

All the members of Westbrook's accompanying Brass Band have been regular participants in his recent projects, and they brought a passionate commitment to their playing every bit as emotionally charged as the singers. Westbrook has always coaxed exceptional playing from performers who do not always shine so brightly in other company and, anchored by some magnificent drumming from Dave Barry, the ensemble and solo playing was uniformly outstanding, with bassist Steve Berry and saxophonist Peter Whyman's introduction to *The Human Abstract* the highlight.

Westbrook's writing is an eclectic blend of jazz, Weill, folk music and classicism, but the closing moments had Minton hugging himself with glee as the choir intoned and the band swayed through *The Fields* and the triumphant *I See Thy Form*. Hearing this work again after so long a gap, it is hard to resist the conclusion that Westbrook's visionary imagination is close to Blake's own.

ALYN SHIPTON

The silent soloist

CONCERT

Northern Sinfonia/Volkov
York

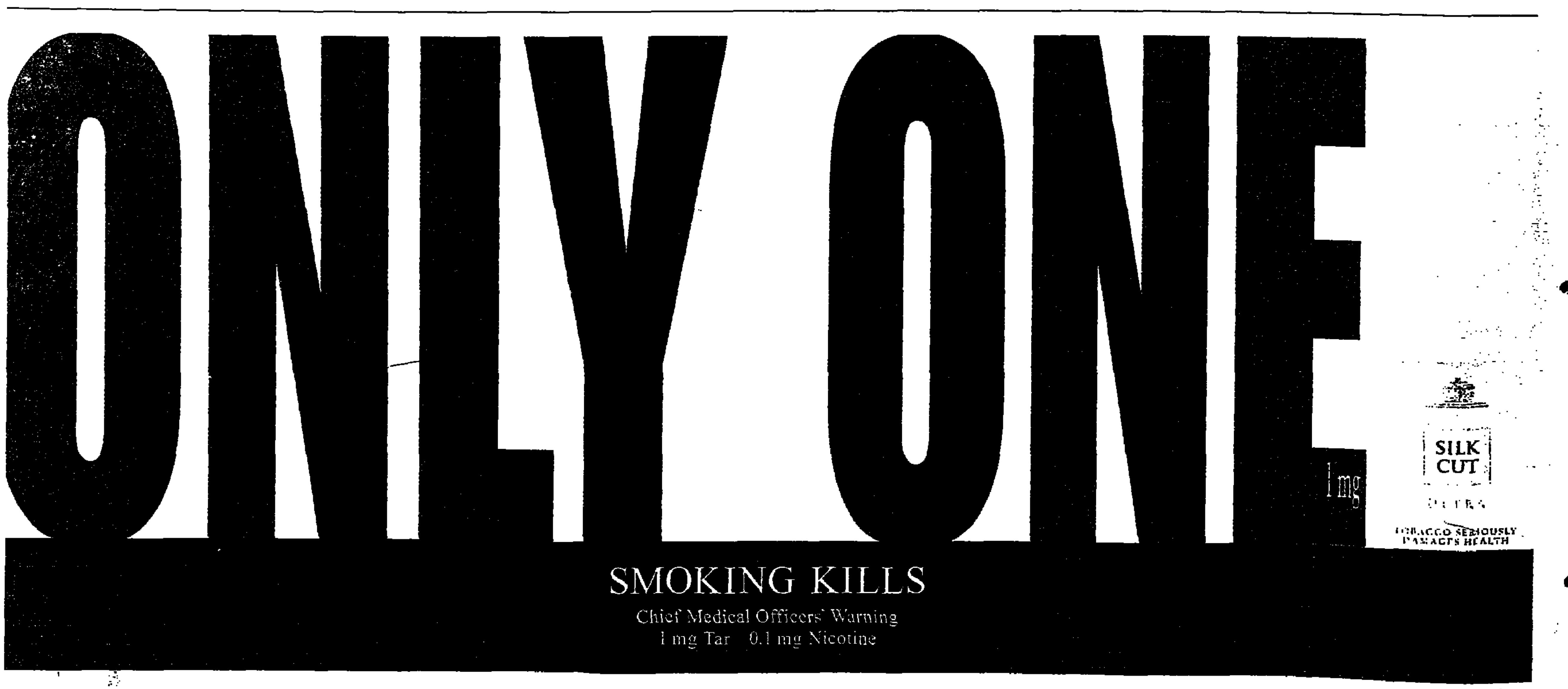
No one who knows even a little of the music of Nicola LeFanu would expect to hear anything conventional from her. A fiftieth birthday and three years as professor of music at the University of York have changed nothing.

Listening to her new Concertino for Clarinet and Strings, it is as well to forget that such works are usually in three movements: this one is in 16; forget that the solo instrument is usually the focus of attention: in this case it seems to be more often silent than active; forget the bravura element common to most works of this kind: modesty is a virtue here. On its first performance by Robert Plane and the Northern Sinfonia, the Clarinet Concertino did seem to be miscalculated in scale. In fact, it began life 11 years ago as a quintet, and that is surely its natural state.

The other contemporary work in the Sinfonia's concert at York University was *Sunflower* by LeFanu's no less ditinguished husband, David Lumsdaine. Beautifully written in its early stages, it grows in stature, but loses touch with both textural reality and its fundamental impulse until, too late, shortly before the end. Although it is more than 20 years since the orchestra gave the first performance of *Sunflower*, Ilan Volkov secured an organised and well coloured revival of a still demanding score.

If the Sinfonia and its Young Conductor in Association seemed less convincing in two movements of *Le Tombeau de Couperin* it was not their fault. When Ravel decided to orchestrate only four of the six movements of the piano original of that work, he had very good reasons. The Fugue is an essentially monochrome conception and, if it has to be orchestrated, it should surely be reserved for strings alone, without bizarre illumination by the wind instruments in Michael Round's arrangement. His version of the Toccata is more rewarding, but without the percussive articulation natural to the piano and alien to the orchestra it is just not the same piece.

GERALD LARNER



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Politicians make great opera villains

RICHARD MORRISON

Today I feel a ping of psychic energy coursing through my limp old limbs. Yes. June has barely busted out all over, yet already I sense what will be deemed the Most Controversial Opera of 1997. Premiered in Philadelphia, John Duffy's *Black Water* is the story of a rich and ambitious American senator who crashes a car off a bridge and into a river, drowning an adoring young female passenger. You don't exactly need to be Gore Vidal to work out who might be who in this cheery cameo of American public affairs.

Actually this particular opera is based on a Joyce Carol Oates novel. But its composer is far from being the first to explore the "if CNN covers it, we'll sing it" method of writing an opera. Indeed, the "docu-opera" has become a speciality of American composers in recent years. The very fashionable John Adams, for instance, has already produced operas about Nixon's visit to China, the *Achille Lauro* hijacking and the Los Angeles earthquake — though, looking up my review of the latter, I see that it also claimed to explore "racism, economic deprivation, harsh immigration policies, a draconian legal system and media manipulation". Gosh, you don't get agendas like that in *Aida*.

Here in Britain we seem to be lagging behind in the docu-opera department. True, Glyndebourne once staged a bizarre British opera called *The Electrification of the Soviet Union* (nice pylons, shame about the tunes). And back in the Seventies dear old Sir Michael Tippett wrote an opera called *The Ice Break* about the Cold War — though I seem to recall that a race riot also came into it somewhere.

But no British composer has yet put on the stage the great mythic figures of our own recent history: Thatcher, Scargill, Diana, Botham, Baby Spice. Wake up, Sir Harrison Birtwistle! You don't have to go back to ancient Greek legends for subject matter. There are enough plots, vendettas and back-stabbings reported each day in *The Times* for a thousand searchingly contemporary operas . . . and that's just the Church Appointments column.

And perhaps if we had some really pertinent new operas to watch we would be spared all those tediously contrived "relevant" updatings of *Tosca* that consume large amounts of taxpayers' money and drooling critical attention each week.

Meanwhile, is Britain's concert life dying? Judging from the ludicrous doom-mongering of some newspapers it is already cold in the grave. But consider what's happening in London on a single evening (June 17) this month. Sir Simon Rattle is conducting Schubert and Mozart at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. The guru of authenticity, John Eliot Gardiner, steers the LSO through Berlioz and Stravinsky in the Barbican. And one of the world's great basses, Samuel Ramey, is pounding out a programme of throbbing operatic arias in the Festival Hall.

The terrific Russian soprano Elena Prokina is in recital at the Wigmore. Ute Lemper, that long-legged lovely of the highbrow cabaret circuit, is doing a show at the Almeida. And the RPO's glamorous young Italian conductor, Daniele Gatti, will be dazzling the Albert Hall's audience. If all that constitutes the death throes of classical music, lead me to the funeral parlour.

Two thoughts prod their way through my dense grey matter. First, to my American friends who are always trumpeting the musical superiorities of New York, I say: show me a night like that in your town. And second, wouldn't it be fun if the promoters of all these concerts each sent me their audited box-office receipts? Then we could see which maestro or diva really does have the biggest pulling-power. Over to you chaps. But don't hold your breath, readers.

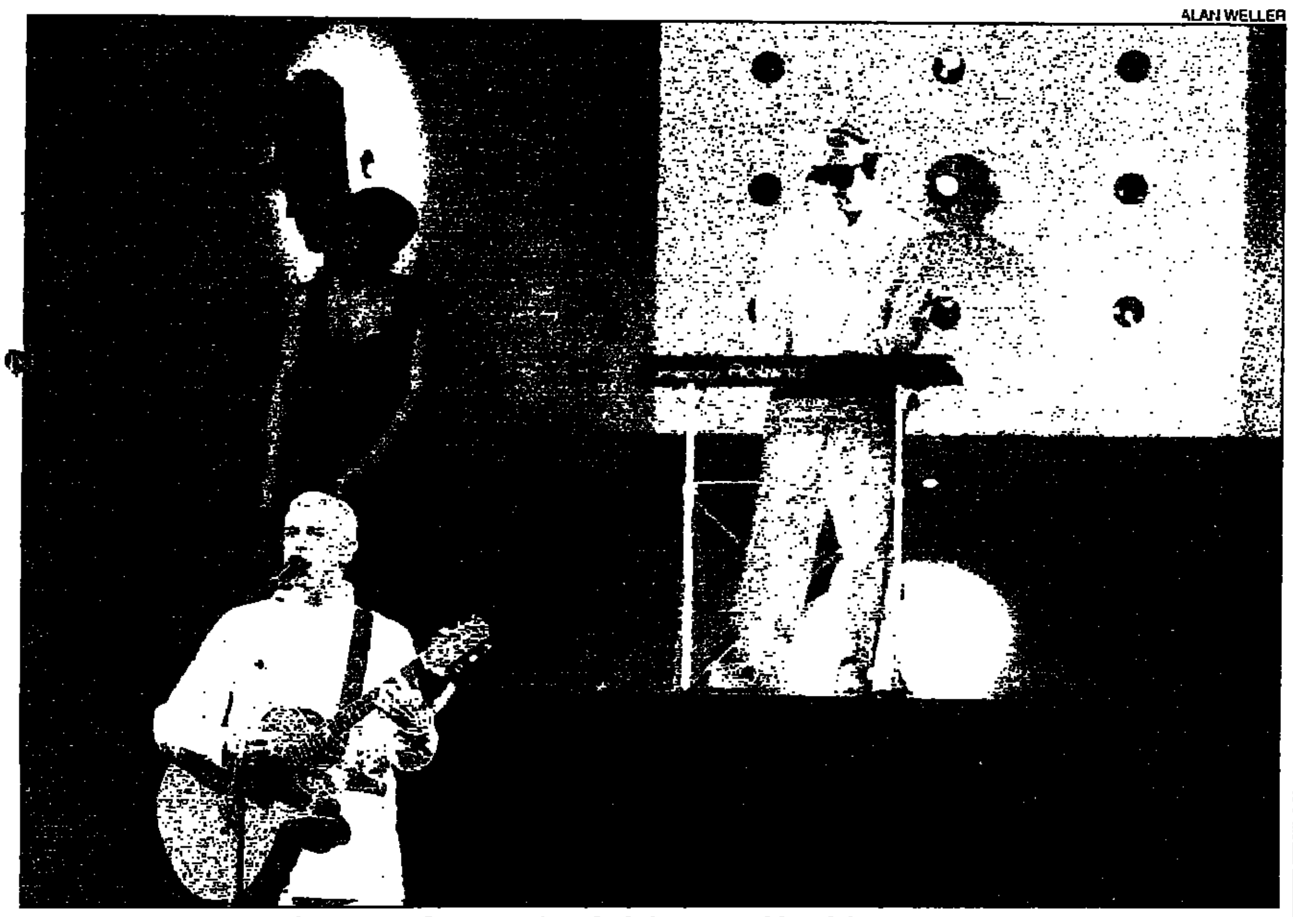
Finally, another contestant for our Great Looney Performance Art Competition. And this week we are delighted to welcome a foreign entry. The ensemble Huutajat ("The Screaming Men") consists of 30 fellers from the town of Oulu in northern Finland, who line up in black suits, white shirts and black rubber ties . . . and scream. Nothing else. No frills, no fancy footwork, no gerbil-juggling. Just screaming. But it's all said to be done with an "emphatically disciplined expression" that "verges on the primal".

What do they scream? Well, mostly "workers songs, national anthems and quotations from Finnish laws", apparently. But that's not important. And anyway, it's in Finnish, which is a jolly difficult language to understand at the best of times — and I don't think that being screamed at by 30 men in rubber ties is likely to rank as the best of times. Nevertheless, we are promised "an intense sonic explosion that comes from the edge, from the very periphery of Europe". I, for one, am strangely excited by the thought.

Anyway they are screaming their first and only British performance tomorrow evening (7pm) at St Augustine's Church, Haggerston Park, London E2. Regular worshippers turning up for Evensong may be in for a shock. On the other hand, they may think it's just another trendy new type of Church of England service.

POP: **Stephen Dalton** sees the Pet Shop Boys take up a West End residency

ALAN WELLER



The Pet Shop Boys, Neil Tennant (foreground) and Chris Lowe, with Sylvia Mason-James onstage at the Savoy

Still-life in a disco

A scrum of minor celebrities, tabloid photographers and well-heeled media types squeezed into the opulent Art Deco catacombs of London's Savoy Theatre for the oddest of opening nights on Thursday. Kicking off a two-week residency those dry-witted pop intellectuals, the Pet Shop Boys, finally arrived in the semi-mythical London milieu that they eulogised with their debut single *West End Girls* all of 13 years ago — and still they didn't seem entirely comfortable there.

Subtitled *Somewhere*, these shows provide a rare live sighting of this elusive and largely studio-based duo. Anti-pathetic to touring, or indeed promotion of any kind, Neil Tennant and Chris Lowe will almost certainly lose money on the venture. But, as a profile-boosting exercise, it might just counter the disappointing sales of their most recent album, *Bilingual*.

Tennant and Lowe have always straddled the boundary between showbusiness and conceptual art. Despite frequent protestations to the contrary, they are clearly much more than mere entertainers. The collision of Lowe's dynamic disco arrangements with Tennant's erudite, pithy lyrics may have produced many of the best singles of the past decade, but they can also seem maddeningly aloof and hobbled by critical theory.

Hence their Savoy residency, a glitzy extravaganza on the surface but a far stranger beast beneath. Conceived by the artist Sam Taylor-Wood, the stage design owed more to gallery installations than to West End musicals. Flanked on either side by giant video walls running real-time footage of revellers chatting and dancing, Tennant and Lowe appeared to move between stage and screen at carefully synchronised intervals.

Although these attempts to expand orthodox notions of pop presentation are laudable, this intimate theatrical setting did not necessarily enhance the duo's somewhat rigid performance style. Tennant often seemed wooden and uncomfortable, while Lowe's pulsating soundscapes deserved more decibels. This was particularly true of such one-time show-stoppers as *Yesterday When I Was Mad* or *Can You Forgive Her*, whose restless energy clearly demanded less sedate surroundings. However, the softer and warmer contours of the duo's more recent, Latin-flavoured singles *Se a Vida É* and *Before* adapted more comfortably to the Savoy's understated elegance.

The show's latter half seemed to give Tennant a second wind, his reedy voice becoming a lusty roar for the crashing melodrama of *The Theatre*. He then duetted with backing vocalist Sylvia Mason-James on a witty medley of *It's a Sin* and the disco classic *I Will Survive*. At this point the crowd could contain itself no longer and rose en masse for Boys' new single, an irreverent and highly charged disco remake of *Somewhere*, from *West Side Story*.

For the encore, Tennant strapped on an acoustic guitar for a robust solo reading of *Rent*. Then Lowe's keyboard exploded back into life for *Left to My Own Devices*, with its definitive Pet Shop Boys lyric: "Che Guevara and Debussy to a disco beat". But that was written seven years ago. In 1997, Liberace and Damien Hirst to a disco beat would be nearer the mark. Nowadays, the Pet Shop boys are unsure whether they would rather be Gilbert and George or Gilbert and Sullivan.

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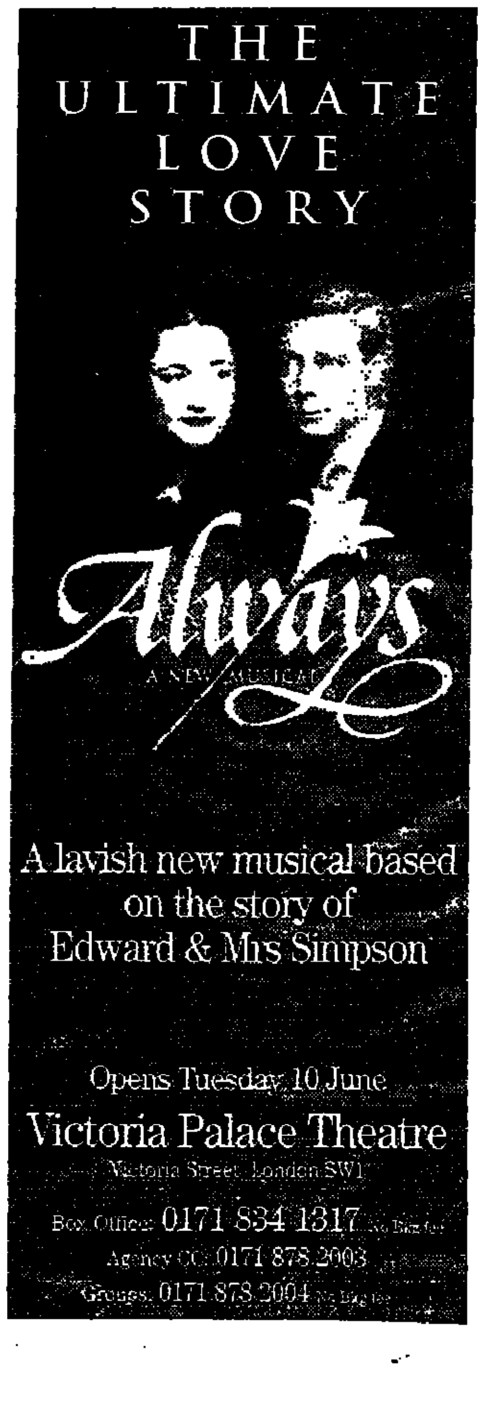

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We no longer mutilate pictures to make space, yet a great Cambridge museum can still have its façade ruined, says **John Adamson**

The Fitzwilliam's enemy within

There is a saying in Texas: "Bigger may not necessarily be better — but it's more." It is an aphorism which might well serve as the mission statement of our national art museums. From the National Gallery down, there is hardly a major gallery in England without its gleaming new extension, or which does not have plans afoot for further expansion.

So far, where there has been controversy, it has been about architecture: witness the recent fracas over the V&A's proposal for a new wing designed to resemble a pile of half-squashed cardboard boxes. But one question has slipped through not just unanswered, but unasked. Is all this expansionism invariably a Good Thing?

The latest set of proposals from the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, now before the Royal Fine Art Commission and English Heritage, raise this question as a matter for national concern. Having already notched up six extensions since the 1920s, the Fitzwilliam's Syndics (or trustees) are promoting a radical scheme for a further extension — at an estimated cost of more than £10 million.

One must, of course, be sympathetic. Given that almost every gallery is continuing to acquire works, while being opposed to "deaccessioning" (museumspeak for selling things) lest this frighten off future donors, the implication is clear: our museums will go on accumulating, and getting ever larger, it seems, indefinitely. They thus face alternatives: either an ever higher proportion of their collections will go into storage; or more space must be found to display the collections and to house the curatorial staff. Museums are immune from any consideration of the "optimum size". Big is not only beautiful; it is inevitable.

But at what cost to the fabric of our museum buildings, many of which are works of art in themselves? Here, the threatened consequences are far from benign — as the Fitzwilliam case demonstrates.

What sets the Fitzwilliam Museum apart, even before one gets to its collections, is that it inhabits one of the great architectural monuments of the 19th century. Designed in 1834 by George Basevi (1794-1845), the pupil and protégé of Sir John Soane, it is a great, free-standing temple to the arts, approached through a massive Corinthian portico. It is the major public building which Soane himself never had the opportunity to build, and it has long been recognised as one of the finest buildings of its date anywhere. What happens to it is thus a matter of national concern.

So far, so good. The Basevi Building's status has preserved it from the piecemeal "extensionism" which has blighted so many of our historic museums. Not that the Fitzwilliam has stood still; it has expanded steadily. But, early this century, the foresighted University Fathers, conscious that they were custodians of "a building which is counted amongst the most successful architectural achievements of the 19th century", bought a large site to the south (twice the size of the site occupied by the Basevi Building) to accommodate future expansion. All subsequent additions have been built there, where their visual impact on Basevi's temple has been kept to a minimum.

Not so the proposed building. The Syndics want to cut a hole through one of the façades. A bulky, three-storey wing will jut out to the right of the building (as viewed from the street), rising almost to the full height of the original museum. Something approaching a third of Basevi's northern façade will be demolished, and a large part of the garden at the side will also be lost.

Of course, the Syndics can make a plausible case for another extension: the requirement for more gallery space, offices, conservation workshops, facilities for disabled visitors, and lavatories. But all of the proposed amenities could be accommodated on the museum's southern site, where there remains space for substantial development. Demolishing part of Basevi's façade would, at best, provide only a short-term solution to the museum's needs; the damage to the building would be permanent.

What may seem at first like another spat among dons, actually raises much larger issues. Indeed, what is astonishing about the proposal to demolish a third of the Fitzwilliam's façade is that it should ever have been seriously contemplated. It highlights how arbitrarily the guardians of our heritage choose to privilege one form of "art" over another, and how the decisions about which bits of our "heritage" are deemed worthy of protection are affected by the whims of fashion.

Compare an earlier solution to the problems of space: in the last century it was acceptable in certain quarters to lop several feet off an over-large canvas — a Rubens or Van Dyck, say — and to reframe the picture to fit the space. Today, there is scarcely a museum which does not possess at least one major painting which has been cut down to solve a "problem of space".

Such solutions now seem little short of barbarous. Yet nowadays, when it is a *building* which happens to be the masterpiece for the chop, our museums' scruples are far less sensitively honed. "Cutting down" Grade I listed facades can be proposed (albeit with a certain amount of handwringing) by the very same people who would be appalled by such a proposal if it were a painting — and without the slightest sense of the double standard.

The question which the Fitzwilliam controversy raises is whether or not we are still prepared to accept that double standard. Issues of what is acceptable in relation to our "heritage" tend to be defined, like legal precedents, on a case-by-case basis. The Fitzwilliam is a test case. What is being proposed is unacceptable, not just because there are alternative sites for the museum's expansion, but because it will damage irreparably a building which is as distinguished, in its way, as many of the works of art it houses.

If we cannot, or do not want to, stop the juggernaut of museum expansion, we can at least reroute it. Alternative sites exist, as at the Fitzwilliam. But smashing holes in Grade I listed buildings should now be numbered — along with cutting down Old Masters — among the solutions to museums' "problems of space" which we are no longer prepared to tolerate.

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What know they of cricket?

Arlott and Johnners have gone, but *Test Match Special* goes on forever — I hope

Simon Jenkins

The *Test Match Special* team at the 1980 Lord's Centenary Test, John Arlott's last Test match. From left: Brian Johnston, Christopher Martin-Jenkins (standing), Tony Lewis, Trevor Bailey, Bill Frindall, John Arlott and Fred Trueman

Cricket on television is for wimps. Real men use radio. Radio is the Word. In the beginning was willow and leather, but soon afterwards came the Word. Forty years old this weekend, *Test Match Special* is still loud and clear. Again today, addicts will bury themselves in its incomparable banter. And how marvellous that its anniversary should coincide with a high point in the English game.

I am not a cricket enthusiast, but rather a *Test Match Special* enthusiast. Cricket is enjoyable to play but unexciting to follow. It is an intimate contest between bowler and batsman, its skill that of split-second reaction to a turning ball, which few spectators can possibly detect. Individual talent is bought in the open market, and the modern county championship offers little tribal commitment. The one-day game is almost baseball.

But Test matches are different, indeed a sport apart. They are athletic fields of the cloth of gold, tournaments of medieval majesty, assuming unlimited leisure and almost unlimited sunshine. Enacted over five days, their ups and downs, nuances and climaxes extend over work and play, lunchtime, tea and the journey home. Since few are lucky enough to have 40 continuous daylight hours to watch them on television, portable radio has a monopoly. Its ball-by-ball commentary is a speaking scoreboard, elevated to an art form.

Test match reporting was begun by Howard Marshall in the 1930s. Ball-by-ball commentary started with Rex Alston in 1957. Its greatest exponent was the gruff John Arlott, from 1967 to 1980. Arlott took routine Test matches and transformed them into pictorial sagas of the summer season. While cricket's metronome ticked away in the background, he seemed unconcerned with winning or losing. His cricketers were not personalities, but strolling players who moved their masque from Edgbaston to Trent Bridge, Old Trafford to Headingley, Lord's to the Oval.

Arlott's vignettes were celebrated. As if Masood bowled "like Groucho Marx chasing a pretty waitress". His page-long account of a Trueman delivery is a cricket masterpiece. But his painterly brush seemed to prefer the green of grass and tree, the grey of pigeon and seagull, the white of flannel against a dusty pitch. He loved to describe the murmur of the crowd, the ripple of applause, the roll call of his settings, the Mound Stand, Kirkstall Lane, Ratcliffe Road, Nursery End. Arlott was a landscapist, a Constable of cricket.

Beside him sat the garrulous Hogarth, Brian Johnston. If Arlott was the provincial codger, Johnston was the plummy club bore. Arlott learnt in the school of life, his Hampshire burr laden with village wisdom. Johnston never left prep school. "Johnners" lived in a boy's-own whirl of nicknames, tuckshops, club ties and slabs of Madeira cake. Arlott rose from the Hampshire constabulary where, as a modest poet, he was spotted by John Betjeman and recommended for a BBC job. Johnston was a middle-brow toff.

This pair not only forged my understanding of cricket. They comprised it. I once sat out a session with them in their box at the Oval. Arlott gazed out of the window throughout. He saw only clouds, birds and the intermittent drama of the Square. His was a poet's love for a vanished pastoral England. Johnston was hyperactive, rifling through readers' letters, chatting, dropping names incorrigibly. He once gabbled out: "My friends at the Palace tell me the Duke of Edinburgh much enjoyed our commentary yesterday."

The talents of these two utterly different men were complementary. They were Morecambe and Wise, Flanders and Swann. Their double act was a stroke of BBC genius. Johnston continued until he dropped in 1994. When Arlott retired in 1980, the players gathered beneath his eyrie at Lord's and saluted him. A desperately private man, he was overwhelmed. He died in 1992.

The act was irreplaceable. Christopher Martin-Jenkins, Jonathan Agnew and Henry Blofeld (Johnston's CMJ, Aggers and Blowers) are no less professional, possibly more so, but inevitably lack the magic. It is as if Arlott had been put out to grass, Johnners rusticated for some prank, and a group of prefects decided to do the job themselves.

Yet the formula survives intact, as does the supporting cast. Fred Trueman is still there, deploring a changing world and wishing that Cork and Gough "be sent back to the changing room to wipe that muck off their faces". Bill Frindall, "the bearded wonder", still keeps score, as he has been doing since 1966. "The highest third-wicket partnership against Australia since 1936," he drones, facts alone being excitement enough. Trevor Bailey adds his staccato comments, though without Johnston's guying as "the boil". Asked to comment on a poor leg-before-wicket decision yesterday, he said merely: "Very adjacent."

Test Match Special is the last refuge of "gentlemen versus players" in English sport, of upmarket amateur and downmarket expert. The dominant accents are mostly those of gentleman journalists. Non-posh or regional voices are from players such as Trueman, who have risen from the crease to the box, or from visiting team commentators. These are welcomed like prime ministers to a Commonwealth conference. The politeness of the hosts is renowned. When the visiting team does well, "I'm afraid your chaps are making us look pretty silly." When England does well, as at present, it is all genteel sympathy. There is none of the screaming, drooling chauvinism of the new BBC soccer commentary.

Test Match Special testifies to the power of radio reporting. The voices are normal, not shouting, conveying information unscripted but grammatically and without interruption. There is no being clever, scoring points, heckling or forced jokiness. Other programmes find this discipline impossible. BBC News encourages reporters to pepper their words with sound-effects: "cow" must be accompanied by the sound of mooing, "car" by a revving engine, "leadership contest" by a boxing bell. The medium is dumbing down fast. Small wonder *Test Match Special* is frequently said to be at risk.

The programme's relaxed character is conditioned by the speed of the game. Watching a sporting contest is about suspense, sustainable only as long as the contest lasts. Hence the lunacies required of athletics commentators, who must pad out the few seconds of race with hours of trivia. In a Test match, something is always happening, but never very much. It is more a canal-boat ride than a horse race. A Peter O'Sullevan-style commentary must be slowed to a hundredth its normal speed.

Yet *Test Match Special* was and is more than a commentary. Radio is inherently blind. Its images are a private contract between speaker and listener. Cricket may be dull, its outcome often easy to predict. Yet the reporter cannot waffle, for his audience is expert. He must fill out the game with description and information. Yet he must create in the listening mind's eye a picture of grandstand, spectators, pavilion, field, players and suspense. This is a ceremony with acolytes the world over. They need more than the score.

Arlott and Johnston answered that need. They were two Englishmen of a peculiar stamp. Arlott was proud never to have used the first person singular in writing or broadcasting. As a good journalist of the old school, he deferred to the story. As a poet, he knew he had on his palette the greatness of the English language and needed nothing else. He dabbed words onto canvas in honour of the sport that he loved.

Sometimes the cricket seemed to disappear. The game faded, whether through lunch or rain or because it did not matter much. As Arlott said: "What does he of cricket know who only cricket knows?" We sat back and shared what Johnston called "just a couple of friends enjoying a day out at the cricket". The joy lingers. After 40 years, may it never cease.

St Columba's connections

Magnus Linklater on a great and good missionary to Picts and Scots

When Mary Robinson, the Irish President, steps tomorrow onto the shores of the Island of Iona, she will be marking the anniversary of the most influential saint in the history of the Christian faith in Britain.

The legacy of St Columba, who died in AD597, is in many ways more important even than that of St Augustine, the anniversary of whose arrival in Kent has just been celebrated at Canterbury. Augustine's mission from Rome, successful as it was in his lifetime, was almost obliterated when southern England reverted to heathenism after his death. The monks of Iona, the heirs of Columba, filled the gap. In the years that followed, it was their message that spread south, to Lindisfarne in Northumberland, whence the conversion of the Anglo-Saxons began.

In Scotland today, Columba's name is attached to Protestant and Roman Catholic churches alike — he is the patron saint of unity. But his lasting influence stemmed not so much from saintly or monastic virtues as from some very worldly qualities: close links to the sources of power, a strong sense of organisation and a network of friends at court. Columba was a well-connected saint.

For a start, he was of royal blood himself, descended from the high kings of Ireland on his father's side and the kings of Leinster on his mother's. Thus, when he set out from Ireland to convert north Britain, his credentials were impressive. His choice of Iona, where he arrived in 563, was not romantic; it placed him far enough from Ireland to be detached from the Celtic church, but not so close to Scotland as to be caught up in the power struggle between Picts and Scots that divided the country.

His first patron was Conall, King of the Scots in Dalriada, an area which included most of southwest Scotland as well as the islands. It is a measure of Columba's influence that within a few years of his arrival, he was ordaining Conall's successor, King Aidan, and winning himself the description "king-maker". Shortly afterwards, he was attending a convention which established an alliance of kings across the Irish Sea. By now he had built the first monastery on Iona, with perhaps 20 monks living in cells of turf or stone. Later their numbers would grow to more than 150; when in 806 the Vikings raided the island, 68 of them were massacred.

However strong his influence in the West, Columba's greatest achievement came when he set out across Scotland to make contact with that most mysterious of ancient races, the Picts. They ruled most of the country, having driven the Romans back beyond Hadrian's Wall and established a Northern and a Southern Kingdom.

Columba and his small band of monks travelled northwest along the shores of Loch Ness to make contact with the King of the Northern Picts, Bridei or Brude. It was this legendary journey that spawned the first stories of Columba's unearthly powers. It may be that Columba's supporters encouraged the idea that he could work miracles, an early exercise in PR. More likely, it grew after his death when biographers got to work. He is said to have confronted the Loch Ness monster and sent it slinking back beneath the waters. He brought a man back from the dead; and when the gates of King Brude were locked against him, they flew open at the sign of the Cross.

Columba made no attempt to convert the Picts himself. As the historian Michael Lynch puts it, his was "not a mission to preach the Gospel, but an expedition to impress a pagan king". He succeeded well enough to suggest that diplomacy may have been another of his qualities — the Picts became allies rather than enemies. At least as important, however, was his legacy of organisation and hierarchy.

While Augustine made many thousands of converts, Columba used his authority to create a Christian dynasty. He founded churches, created abbots — the word comes from the Irish for "heirs" — and left behind a structure strong enough to survive his death and carry his message south to Northumbria.

His successor and biographer, Adomnan, Abbot of Iona and one of the most underrated of all saints, took Columba's work further. In 697 the Synod of Birr, Co Offaly, promulgated the Law of the Innocents, the first Dark Age document to give protection to women, children and the clergy. The fact that this remarkable law was ratified by the kings of the Scots, the Picts and the Irish shows just how far Columba's influence had spread within the space of a generation.

Iona remains today a symbol, not just of Christianity, but of unity, both spiritual and temporal. It is hard to think of a more approporiate place for the President of Ireland to visit.

THE TIMES DIARY

Delivery date

HARRIET HARMAN'S decision to appoint Anna Coote, the 50-year-old deputy director of the Institute of Public Policy Research, as her special adviser on women's issues, will have come as no surprise in midwifery circles.

Harman is said by Westminster sources to have been Coote's "birthing partner", which presumably means that she attended to and comforted her during the birth of her daughter who is now 11 years old.

Coote: comforted by Harman

The two have certainly known each other for many years. She co-wrote a book with Harman and the Labour MP Patricia Hewitt, called *The Family Way*, and Harman is just the sort of caring feminist who would espouse the notion of a birthing partner.

However, inquiries on the subject to Harman's office at the Department of Social Security, and to Anna's in Whitehall went unheeded yesterday.

Coote, 50, is charming but can strike fear into a chauvinist breast. She was the woman who fought to allow ladies a chance to drink at El Vino's, the Fleet Street wine bar, and had little regard for those old-timers who were unsettled by her intervention.

● *Could Marjorie Mowlam have been a victim of Peter Mandelson's high-handed intervention over in Northern Ireland? I understand that she was hoping to appoint Baroness "Brenda" Dean, the former SOGAT president, as her spokesman in the province. Brenda wouldn't do, she was told, and has been given Lord "Alf" Dubs, the trade union dinosaur, instead.*

Dead wrong

OBITUARIES are a sensitive area of any newspaper, particularly at *The Daily Telegraph* at the moment, which recently confused the late Greek shipping magnate George P. Livanos with his livelier and more glamorous cousin George S. Livanos. The obituary made for an interesting read, containing nuggets from the lives of both of the Livanos boys.

It was an easy mistake to make, and the paper carried a prominent apology and correction the next day. This was fortunate, for on the very day that *The Daily Telegraph* killed off George S, the man was in corking form and dining with its proprietor Conrad Black.

Paid up

ONE OF LIFE'S great trenchermen will soon have to tighten his belt. Roy Hattersley is giving up his extraordinarily lucrative television column in *The Express* newspaper at the end of next month.

In the accountancy department, they are celebrating. Hattersley is said to have arrived at the paper demanding £800 per column, and his annual income from *The Express* was at one point notching £200,000.

Lord Hollick, the Blairite Chief Executive of the paper's owner, United News & Media, had to be scraped off the ceiling when he discovered what the Hat was salting away. A letter was dispatched from Richard Addis, the Editor, who explained that he had become a luxury they could not afford, akin to a Ferrari sitting outside a mining village.

Table talk

ANOTHER couple of disillusioned Tories who have turned to publishers for salvation come in the shape of Mr and Mrs Chris Patten. Both are hawking around separate books based on their experience in Hong Kong. Chris Patten's is rather more philosophical than Lavender's *Hong Kong Diary*, which is filled with embarrassingly trivial details of the Chinese banquets she attended.

"I can't possibly miss any of the Test"

Duffed up

NEVER has there been such despair at the Royal Opera House. For the first time, staff have sent a petition to the Heritage Secretary, Chris Smith, complaining about the chaos that has followed the departure of Genista McIntosh after only four months as chief executive.

Rumours that the ROH is currently paying three chief executives are wide of the mark. But Jeremy Isaacs, the general director who departed months ago, is still on the pay roll, for his contract runs until September. Genista McIntosh apparently got a handsome pay-off for an early departure, and the chairman Lord Chadlington is being paid as an acting chief executive while Covent Garden awaits the arrival of his replacement Mary Allen from the Arts Council.

Stevens and Duffield, director of the Royal Opera House

Meanwhile, Vivien Duffield, the formidable partner of English Heritage chairman Jocelyn Stevens, and a director of the ROH, is said to be calling the shots. Certainly, there was little lost love between Duffield and McIntosh who claimed to have resigned as a result of stress.

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SMITH IN CAMELOT

The Heritage Secretary has had a lucky escape

Of all the possible candidates for this newspaper's sympathy, Camelot, the lottery operator, comes near the bottom of the list. We have consistently argued that the lottery should have been given to a not-for-profit organisation — and that Camelot itself has failed to respond to the public disquiet about the retained interest on unclaimed prizes. Camelot's accounts lack transparency. Its relations with its regulator have been too close for comfort. The bonuses that the directors of this national monopoly awarded themselves were excessive, insensitive and potentially damaging to the lottery itself.

Chris Smith's actions in the past week have, however, caused a minor earthquake here, a small surge of sympathy and support for Camelot. The National Heritage Secretary has bullied and blustered, humiliated and threatened the company's directors, in order to try to persuade them to donate their bonuses to charity. Offers and counter-offers have been exchanged and rejected. Resignations have been threatened and a confidential deal finally done. The directors will pay an undisclosed proportion of the bonuses to charity and the interest on unclaimed prize money will also go to good causes.

Mr Smith is a lucky man this weekend. It is one thing for a minister to be appalled by the size of lottery bonuses. So were most people. But a general sense of disquiet about Camelot is not a reason for a government to seek to stop 40 per cent pay rises. The chief executive, Tim Holley, probably does not deserve his salary of £590,000. But just deserts, and the public's sense of what directors should be paid, is not part of the mechanism by which pay in this instance is set. The company has stupidly damaged itself and its lottery by inept public relations. But if the Government wants a change it should increase either its own powers or those of its regulator in the appropriate manner and time.

Mr Smith was perfectly entitled to deplore the bonuses in a speech. But instead he risked an unnecessary fight which only a figleaf of confidentiality prevents him from being seen to have lost. Two days ago, the directors were threatening resignation. They could easily have followed through with that threat, leaving Mr Smith open to responsibility for future lottery troubles. Or they could have refused to cave in to any of Mr Smith's demands, leaving the Secretary of State eating public humble pie.

Camelot knows that its operating contract will not be renewed. Why should its directors save the minister's face? Mr Smith has exposed himself as interventionist and anti-business in a Government that is supposed to be the opposite. He is lucky that his bruising is not too visible.

This incident is in one sense relatively trivial. But in another sense it shows the dangers of playing the politics of opposition in Government. To protest about "fat cats" paying themselves increases 20 times the rate of inflation would be the obvious response of an opposition frontbencher. The issue is nakedly populist, and it has the added advantage that the government minister concerned cannot do much to ameliorate the position.

But translating that straight into Government is not the act of a responsible politician. This administration is popular enough already; it does not need to indulge in headline-grabbing gestures. Mr Smith is an intelligent and cultured man, who should flourish at National Heritage. From now on, he should concentrate on doing his job well, not on winning votes.

WARRIOR FOR PEACE

Barak will provide real competition for Netanyahu

The soldier-statesman is a familiar figure in Israel. The consistent threats to that nation's security make for such a combination. The present Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, is a former commando. His brother was the sole Israeli soldier killed in the audacious raid on Entebbe 21 years ago. But Likud and the other parties on the right of the Israeli political spectrum can survive without heroes in their hierarchy. Their credentials on military issues are sufficiently strong in any circumstance. The Labour Party is a different proposition. Public opinion may sympathise with its objectives but remains unconvinced of Labour's ability to guarantee national and personal security.

Labour's dilemma was personified in the respective political fates of Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin. Among party activists, Mr Peres was and still remains a much loved figure. His evident passion for peace and reconciliation with former enemies won numerous plaudits abroad. But in his own country he was distrusted. On the five occasions he offered himself to the Israeli electorate, he failed each time to secure a stable Knesset majority.

Mr Rabin was a very different proposition. As an innately cautious former army chief of staff, he was accorded respect but, until his death, little real affection within the Labour Party. The wider electorate, though, supported him. In 1992, Mr Rabin won the outright victory that consistently eluded Mr Peres. Little more than a year later he reached agreement with Yassir Arafat and the PLO. Had he not been assassinated, he would probably still be Prime Minister.

In Ehud Barak, its new leader, the Labour Party has opted for Mr Rabin's natural successor — and enhanced its electoral prospects. Mr Barak is another former army chief of staff, a brilliant soldier who once had Mr Netanyahu under his command. He reluctantly entered politics only two years ago largely at Mr Rabin's exhortation. He is not well known for his policies: but at the ballot box he has the potential to restore the authority of his party.

The next Israeli election is not due for another three years. But given Mr Netanyahu's difficulties, including the damage inflicted by the Bar-On scandal that nearly forced his resignation, the Prime Minister may be forced to the polls before that point. Mr Netanyahu should not be underestimated. He is a determined fighter and exceptionally gifted communicator. His policies are rather more popular with Israelis than with foreign politicians. The influx of immigrants from the former Soviet Union and North Africa is changing Israel's political demography in Likud's favour. But Mr Netanyahu will find Mr Barak a tougher proposition than Mr Peres.

Despite their rivalry, these two leaders agree on most of the core questions governing the peace process. That relative consensus will be a source of strength for Israel. The Palestinian leadership will know the limits of what it can demand. Although the extra concessions — in his words, "calculated risks" — that Mr Barak might offer are limited, they will convey real credibility. That in turn will put pressure on Mr Netanyahu. At the last election many Israelis felt that the choice was between sentiment and security. That need no longer be so.

HIGHWAYMAN PRESCOTT

Transport policy should not be confined to transport alone

Millions of motorists crawling through clogged streets today for a trip to the countryside or a visit to friends and relations will agree with John Prescott that Britain is in danger of choking on traffic. They will applaud the Deputy Prime Minister's call for investment in public transport; people who leave their cars at home reduce pollution, help the environment — and leave the roads clear for them. They will have smiled this week at the pictures of Mr Prescott riding the London Tube to make a symbolic point. But on Monday, millions of these same people will drive themselves to work.

Because transport has long provoked more vexed complaint than any other area of policy, the department is generally considered small reward for ambitious politicians. To its credit, Labour is taking transport seriously. Not only has Mr Blair appointed his deputy to the post; but by combining transport with environment he has made a promising administrative reform.

A new Government can, occasionally, change behaviour simply by encouraging new ideas and new habits. Mr Prescott, as deputy head of the most popular administration for many years, clearly thinks so. Last month he urged motorists to leave their cars at home and try walking, cycling or taking the bus to work, school or shops. He is in tune with a growing belief that the car is the enemy of health, the countryside and Britain's urban heritage. But exhortation is no substitute for policy.

Labour has promised a White Paper, focused on ways to create an "integrated" public transport system. There is a touch of old thinking here. Integrating bus and train timetables is common sense. But to centralise management of transport systems would run counter to the privatisation and devolution of control to local authorities that is making transport more efficient.

If, however, Mr Prescott is talking about integration within Whitehall, he is onto something far more important. A workable transport policy cannot confine itself to transport alone. It cannot be fenced off from decisions about the location of houses, shopping centres, business parks, schools or hospitals. The Conservatives recognised that planning has an environmental function; but Britain lags well behind the Continent's best practice in considering likely car use when giving consent to new development.

Money will be needed. Labour may agree to hypothecation — setting aside revenues from fuel and road licences to improve buses, build tramways and encourage steps to help modes of transport other than the car. But the Government also recognises that money must come largely from the private sector — as it will, for example, if entrepreneurs see a profitable market in regular school bus services.

Planning decisions should be determined by local need, but Government can set the tone and adjust the fiscal framework. Privatised services need tough regulation. Labour should not shrink from financial incentives and disincentives. It is counterproductive, for example, to allow tax incentives for company cars but none for rail season tickets; only with heavier fuel taxes and a fresh look at road tolls and other measures will motorists decide that there are better ways for them personally, not just for other motorists, than to spend large parts of their lives sitting in traffic jams.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Hopes and fears in battle for euro

From Professor Stephen Haseler

Sir, Your drumbeat of opposition to Chancellor Kohl and his historic European project for monetary union continues. Now you suggest that the result of the French election may throw the whole project into disarray (leading article, June 3).

In fact the opposite is the truth. Media comment on the result has tended to overlook the fact that the French Socialists are founders of EMU and, aside from Chancellor Kohl himself, are the most fervent federalists and integrationists in the whole of Europe.

What is more, Lionel Jospin's insistence on a more "political" euro, controlled by unemployment-sensitive politicians rather than monetarist bankers, will mean that the Eurosceptic nightmare of an "economic government" for Europe (already under serious discussion by Germany and France) becomes ever more real (report, June 4).

As the time for the introduction of the euro, particularly in a "softer" form, draws near, many of those who oppose the whole project are increasingly succumbing to wishful thinking.

Illusions about the euro's demise have a long pedigree. First, the "hard ecu" was going to do the euro in; then the German SPD, when it abandoned its support for a few months, was going to break the German consensus and undermine Kohl; then last year's French strikers and demonstrators would fatally undermine it; and now "public anger over Herr Kohl's Rhinegold follies is shaking the political terrain", as your leader puts it.

By clutching at every straw British Eurosceptics (and Europhobes) look increasingly negative and bitter. And it is this whingeing aspect of the Eurosceptics which is leading them to lose the battle: for although there are many problems with the federalist vision, it is both clear and positive.

Yours etc,
STEPHEN HASELER
(Member of Council, Federal Union),
2 Thackeray House,
Ansdell Street, W8.
June 4.

From Dr Martin Holmes

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky ("Euro-rascals pay the price of mendacity", June 3) is quite right to argue that tight money policies and high taxation are jeopardising the prospects for European monetary union by throttling economic growth and job creation.

The situation is worse than that. In the event of Stage III beginning on time in 1999, such policies would be even more entrenched. Contrary to EU claims that the current economic pain is merely transitional to the single-currency gain, the adoption of the euro would aggravate economic misery, for the following reasons:

1. The euro would be introduced through a new exchange-rate mechanism from which there would be no escape akin to "White Wednesday".
2. To overcome market disquiet over fudged convergence criteria the European Central Bank would need to impose an interest-rate premium.
3. The scarcely veiled objective to "rival" the dollar and the yen would exert upward pressure on interest rates.
4. Without a common language, as in the US, labour-market flexibility would be inhibited.
5. Without a flexible labour market, and in the absence of national exchange-rate adjustment, employment would take the strain.

Such an outcome would exacerbate the current dire under-performance of the EU economy compared to that in North America and Asia-Pacific. Far from solving Europe's competitiveness problems, a single currency would prolong them.

I remain, Sir, yours etc,
MARTIN HOLMES
(Co-Chairman, The Bruges Group),
44 Park Town, Oxford.
June 3.

Scotch miss

From Mr C. J. Myerscough

Sir, The romantic photograph on today's back page purports to show a cask of whisky being rowed across from Skye to the island of Eigg — a distance of some 40 miles by sea from the distillery. Looking at the size of the cask in relation to the boat, and the lack of displacement of the stern, I suspect the cask is empty.

A long row with an empty barrel?

Yours,
C. J. MYERSCOUGH,
Hallbank, Holden Lane,
Bolton by Bowland, Lancashire.
June 4.

Philosopher's vote

From Professor Bryan Magee

Sir, I am getting startled queries from friends about Roger Scruton's review (May 29) of my book *Confessions of a Philosopher*, in which he says I am "in fact a Burkean Tory". I am not — and there is nothing in the book to suggest otherwise: quite the contrary.

In the recent general election, for example, I voted Liberal Democrat, and was delighted by the overall outcome.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN MAGEE,
12 Falkland House,
Marloes Road, W8.

Single parents and 'welfare to work'

From Professor Lord Russell, FBA

Sir, In his speech on the Aylesbury estate in Southwark (report, June 3) Tony Blair said that "you only take out if you put in. That's the bargain". This is the old biblical precept, "He that will not labour, let him not eat".

As a moral for our personal lives this may be sound enough: as a legal rule to be enforced by the State it shows too little awareness of a multitude of individual circumstances, from undiagnosed depression to sheer unfitness to do the work on offer.

Can no one teach Mr Blair that "the quality of mercy is not strained"?

Yours sincerely,
RUSSELL
(Liberal Democrat spokesman on social security).
House of Lords.
June 3.

From Mrs Kathryn Gyngell

Sir, Tony Blair's speech would have been better directed at the tax and benefits system he inherited from the Tories — a system which has penalised low-income, one-breadwinner, married families while making the option of single parenthood by choice all too feasible. He might also have criticised the misplaced political correctness which continues to sanction this option.

His "welfare to work" policy will be socially damaging and economically costly. The economies of scale required to make it work will mean underfunded, under-regulated and poor quality care. Its provisions will

Penalise children who are already deprived of one parent by reducing the contact, care and individual attention that the remaining parent can give.

Penalise mothers who believe that they are the best people to bring up and supervise their children by adding further to their anxiety and exhaustion.

Encourage more casual mothers to believe that it is the State's responsibility to look after their children.

Create a new set of costs for the State — the burden of welfare will simply be turned into the burden of childcare.

Open up a potentially huge new area of child abuse and neglect.

Many women are simply not prepared to sacrifice either their children or their unique maternal role, whatever the financial cost. It is a hard decision and does not need to be made harder by official pressure to do otherwise. Full-time mothers, who make an invaluable contribution to society, need to be supported — not undermined.

Yours sincerely,
KATHRYN GYNGELL (Founder),
Full Time Mothers.
PO Box 186, London SW3 5RF.
June 3.

From Mrs Susan J. S. Carr

Sir, Will Tony Blair's invitation to single mothers to attend their local jobcentre to discuss their prospective employment potential (leading article, June 2) contain a special allowance to pay for all domestic services that will need to be provided in the parent's absence?

Insurance companies assess the cost of the loss of a wife's services at some £340 per week. A lone parent can make no provision for such a loss, and has no other support.

Such services will have to be provided on top of and in addition to any working hours — perhaps during the two or three hours between Tony Blair's homework clubs and Jack Straw's curfew.

Yours sincerely,
SUSAN CARR,
Carr & Co (solicitors),
Lye House,
Lye Lane, Bricket Wood,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
June 3.

Taking sides on Tory leadership

From Mr Guy Wilkinson

Sir, Mr Phillip Oppenheim (letter, June 5) recognises that "people have strong views on Europe" but a new Conservative leader "must make his priority the issues which concern ordinary people — education, health, law and order and, above all, the economy".

Contrary to Mr Oppenheim's advice, it must be made crystal clear to "ordinary people" that the priority issue is Europe. If closet federalists such as Mr Kenneth Clarke have influence it will not matter whether we have a Labour or Conservative government; the ultimate decisions on how much we tax ourselves, spend on and manage education, health, law, order and the economy, will be made not at Westminster but by a Federal Europe.

Yours faithfully,
GUY WILKINSON,
White House Farm,
East Grimstead, Salisbury, Wiltshire.
June 5.

From Mr Andrew Havery

Sir, I have been mystified by the continuing rolling bandwagon of Mr Kenneth Clarke in the leadership contest (reports and leading article, June 6). Mr Clarke has many excellent qualities and has a great deal to contribute in this Parliament, but it is important that a balanced assessment of the contenders be made.

There is no point selecting a leader who will simply increase the Conservatives' ratings in the opinion polls marginally and for perhaps the next year only. A leader is needed who will bring the party to sufficient popularity by the time of the next election to win convincingly.

Mr Clarke is the most popular Conservative contender but his popularity may be peaking. The other candidates are less popular, but less well known. Should Mr Redwood or Mr Lilley, for example, become leader they will have the opportunity to play roles on the national stage over the whole field of policy which will drastically change the way the public views them.

We must have a Conservative Party with policies developed by all wings of the party. The Tory Reform Group, an effective internal opposition within the party for many years and supporters of Mr Clarke's campaign, have a very important role to play, particularly in opposing Labour on regional and infrastructural issues. But let us not place too much reliance on them.

What a shame it would be to return to policies that have failed to persuade electors in the past.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW HAVERY
(Chairman, The Society of Conservative Accountants),
PO Box 11981, SW1P 4ZG.
June 6.

From Lord Polwarth

Sir, I am now 80 years old, but I feel very strongly that the politics of our country must be in the hands of the younger generation if they are to solve today's problems.

Tony Blair has transformed the Labour Party. We Tories must now find our own equivalent leader, and I do believe we should move on from the older MPs and put our faith in the younger generation with a young candidate like William Hague.

Yours sincerely,
POLWARTH,
House of Lords.
June 5.

From Mrs Janet Todd

Sir, I entirely agree with the decision of the 1922 Committee to get ahead with the leadership decision.

I have been in local government for 30 years, and I would be very much surprised if I had been told that local Conservatives should be entitled to choose our council leader. Only the councillors know what their colleagues are really like in action.

In future years no doubt some provision should be made for confirming the parliamentarians' choice: but the initial decision should, I believe, continue to be theirs.

Yours faithfully,
JANET TODD
(Member, Oxford City Council and Oxfordshire County Council, 1965-97),
Foxton Lodge, Foxton Close, Oxford.
June 3.

Long-standing date

From Mr Adrian Ramos

Sir, After more than 100 years the skeleton of Joseph [John] Merrick, "the Elephant Man", has been scanned in order to test whether his affliction was caused by a strain of neurofibromatosis (Preview, Television Choice, May 27).

To an NF sufferer like myself, who has already waited six months for a similar scan from the NHS, this news is encouraging. I have cleared a space in my diary for the year 2097.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN RAMOS,
The School House,
Bromesberrow,
Ledbury, Herefordshire.
May 28.

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Increased fares

From Mr Robert Breckman

Sir, You report (May 28) that the cost of a British Airways Concorde flight across the Atlantic has risen by 15 per cent over the past 12 months. But this is nothing as compared to Eurostar's price rises.

I chartered the whole of a first-class carriage for a return trip to Paris last Valentine's Day (£133 per person): next year's quote is some 24 per cent higher (£165 per person). Both increases have been justified on the grounds of rising demand.

Surely both companies' costs have not increased to such an extent. This seems to be a cynical exploitation of the profit motive and is therefore to be deplored.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT BRECKMAN,
Breckman & Company (accountants),
49 South Molton Street, W1.
May 28.

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Stuff of which our dreams are made

From Professor Bob Remington

Sir, Dr Robin Royston, a psychotherapist, claims to have identified a phenomenon, namely that dreams may diagnose disease or predict birth and death (report, June 2).

In fact, he has done no more than document 200 co-occurrences between dreams and subsequent events. This may seem like a substantial number until one realises that adults dream five or six times a night and that Dr Royston's examples go back 50 years in the UK alone; at least three thousand billion dreams will have occurred in that time. The number of illnesses which such dreams may or may not have predicted is equally staggering.

These numbers are important because to discover whether dreams predict illness it is necessary to do much more than retrospectively identify cases of dream-illness coincidence.

It is also essential to know how many of each of the following four types of case occur during a given period of time (say one night): a dream followed by a relevant illness within a set time, a dream not so followed, an illness occurring within the set time in the absence of a preceding relevant illness dream, and neither a dream nor an illness so occurring.

From these figures it is possible to calculate both the likelihood of a relevant illness given a dream and the likelihood of illness in the absence of dreams. If — and only if — the former figure were to be higher than the latter would Dr Royston have identified a phenomenon.

Yours faithfully,
BOB REMINGTON,
University of Southampton,
Department of Psychology,
Highfield, Southampton SO17 1BJ.
June 2.

From the Chairman of the Society of Analytical Psychology

Sir, At a time when psychotherapy is often under attack for being the self-indulgent preserve of the gullible and well-heeled, it is welcome to have it confirmed that, as we dream, the unconscious grapples with matters of life and death.

Psychotherapists of all persuasions, but notably Jungian analysts, have long recognised the "somatic [ie, bodily] unconscious" — to use Jung's phrase. People have buried within them a kind of intelligence about their state of physical health.

This is a fresh example of the down-to-earth benefits that psychotherapy can bring. Although the wellbeing of the individual client is obviously paramount, the benefit to the community of the kind of early-warning capacity that Dr Royston is researching can be measured in financial terms and in terms of the impact on the workplace, as well as on the emotional level.

Yours etc,
ELIZABETH GEE,
Chairman,
Society of Analytical Psychology,
1 Daleham Gardens, NW3.
June 2.

Supermarket trolleys

From Mrs Joanna Swan

Sir, In your columns you have addressed the problem of "erratic trolley control" in supermarkets (letters, May 29, June 3).

My solution is to let my grandson push the trolley. As I have even less control over him than I would over the trolley, I take a basket and pick goods off the shelves at my own speed. Then whenever my trolley passes I empty my basket into it. We are bound to join forces at the checkout, as I hold the cashcard.

I do not have to worry about his behaviour to the other shoppers as he is busy asking them to give their computer tokens to his school.

Yours faithfully
JOANNA SWAN,
62 Moor Lane,
Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.
June 4.

From Mr J. S. Fleming

Sir, When my wife and I shop together, usually the "in-between" trolley referred to by Marilyn Hayward (letter, June 3) suffices; however, when my wife shops alone a large one is invariably required.

Yours sincerely,
J. S. FLEMING,
17 Dunsmore Road,
Bishopton, Renfrewshire.
June 3.

Watching the clock

From Mr Tony Fenlon

Sir, Perhaps a more lateral but, I assure you, personally definitive way of deciding the millennium date debate.

Whilst using my new torture — sorry, keep-fit — machine this morning, I set the timer for 20 minutes and started my workout. I felt absolutely no inclination to debate with myself whether the timing was up at 20.00 minutes, or whether I should go on to 21.00 to complete the session.

Guess which won, hands down.

Yours faithfully,
TONY FENLON,
Lochlibo Court,
Girdle Toll, Ayrshire.
May 30.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 5: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Irish Regiment, this afternoon received Colonel Isaac Clarke upon relinquishing his appointment as Deputy Colonel of the Regiment and Brigadier David Strudley upon assuming the appointment.

June 6: The Queen today visited Hastings and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex (Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson).

Her Majesty drove to the Old Town this morning and was received at Winkle Island by the Mayor of Hastings (Councillor Graeme White).

The Queen subsequently visited the Shipwreck Heritage Centre and was received by the Rt Hon Sir Cranley Onslow (Chairman, Nautical Museums Trust), followed by the Fishermen's Museum, where Her Majesty was received by Mr Paul Joy (Chairman, Fishermen's Protection Society).

The Queen later opened Queen's Square in Priory Meadow Shopping Centre and was received by the Leader of Hastings Borough Council (Councillor Pamela Brown) and the Chairman of Boots Company plc (Sir Michael Angus).

This afternoon Her Majesty visited Hastings College of Arts and Technology and was entertained to Luncheon by the Chairman of Hastings College Corporation (Mr Kenneth Melsom) and the Principal of the College (Mrs Judith Vegh).

The Queen later visited West St Leonards School and was received by the Chairman of Governors (Mr Martin Gerrard) and the Headteacher (Mr John Wilks).

Her Majesty toured the School and watched demonstrations by pupils in a number of classes.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited a construction site operated by All Star Utilities Company at 14th and Girard Street NW, Washington DC, to be briefed on the activities of J.C. Bamford Inc. in North America.

His Royal Highness, Patron, Outward Bound Trust, later chaired a meeting of Outward Bound International at the Army and Navy Club, Washington DC.

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the British Library's exhibition "Let There Be Light" at the Library of Congress, Washington DC, United States of America.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 6: The Duke of York today visited Leeds and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire (Mr John Lyles).

His Royal Highness this morning visited the "World of 007" exhibition at the Royal Armouries.

The Duke of York this afternoon awarded the 1997 Yorkshire Globe Business Award at the Yorkshire Business Conference, Harewood House.

His Royal Highness, Patron, this evening attended Opera North's concert performance of Korngold's "Violanta" at the Grand Theatre.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 6: The Prince of Wales today visited North Yorkshire and was received by Mr Michael Abrahams (Deputy Lieutenant).

His Royal Highness, Vice-President, the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty, this morning visited Studley Royal and Fountains Abbey.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited the Market Place, Ripon, and met members of the local community.

His Royal Highness afterwards visited Ripon Cathedral and listened to a presentation by schoolchildren of the future of Ripon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 6: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, ASH (Action on Smoking and Health), this morning received Mr Clive Bates upon assuming the appointment of Director of ASH.

Professor John Moxham (Chairman, ASH) and Mr David Simpson (Director International Agency on Tobacco Health) were present.

Royal engagements

TODAY:
The Duke of York will visit *HM Bark Endeavour* at Shore Street Quay, Inverness Harbour at 10.50 and the Theatre Ship, *Fitzcarraldo*, at 11.15; will attend a luncheon given by the Provost of Inverness at the Town Hall, at 12.30; will open the Inverness Aquadome, at 2.10; and will open the new offices of the WRVS, Kenneth Street, at 2.55.

The Duke of Kent, Colonel, Scots Guards, will take the salute at the Colonel's Review of the Queen's Birthday Parade on Horse Guards Parade at 11.00.

Service luncheons

Central India Horse
The annual luncheon of retired officers of The Central India Horse and their families was held yesterday at Claridge's Hotel and marked the 75th meeting since the founding of the Regimental Dinner Club. Brigadier C.T. Edward-Collins presided.

Skinner's Horse
Colonel Allan Mallinson was the guest of honour at the annual luncheon of Skinner's Horse held yesterday at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Gray presided.

19th King George V's Own Lancers
Former Officers of the 19th King George V's Own Lancers and their ladies held their annual luncheon yesterday at the St Ermin's Hotel. Captain Lord Weatherill presided.

Salters' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Salters' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr L.V. Stell; Upper Warden, Lord Rockley; Second Warden, Dr the Hon A.H. Todd.

Memorial service

The Right Rev David Cartwright
A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Right Rev David Cartwright, former Bishop of Southampton, was held yesterday in Winchester Cathedral. The Dean of Winchester officiated, assisted by the Rev Tim Daykin, who led the prayers, and by cathedral clergy.

Mr Roger Cartwright and the Ven Trevor Nash read the lessons. The Right Rev John Cavell gave an address.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAIN: G H Clarke - ICAOC KALKAR, 13.6.97
WING COMMANDER: R A Phillips - RAF Cosford, 1.6.97; C B Weaver - MOD, 2.6.97
Retirements
AIR COMMODORE: R Bogg, 14.6.97
GROUP CAPTAIN: D L Baugh, 2.6.97.

Dinner

Old Petriburgians' Association
Mr James Crowden, Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, presided at a dinner held last night at Pembroke College, Cambridge. General Sir John Archer, the Right Rev Dr Peter Walker and Mr Gary Longman, Headmaster of The King's School, Peterborough, also also spoke.

Legal appointment

Mr Guy Whitburn, QC, to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the North Eastern Circuit.

Weekend birthdays

The Duke and Duchess of Kent celebrate the 36th anniversary of their marriage tomorrow.

TODAY:
Lady Elizabeth Anson, party planner, 56; Mr Derek Barron, former chairman and chief executive, Ford Motor Company, 68; the Right Rev Michael Baughen, former Bishop of Chester, 67; Sir Wilfred Cockcroft, educationist, 74; Mr David Coleridge, former chairman, Lloyd's, 65; Sir Murray Fox, former Lord Mayor of London, 85; Mr Martyn Goff, former chairman, Book Trust, 74; Mr P.G.E.F. Jones, former director, Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, 72; Mr Tom Jones, singer, 57; the Earl of Lytton, 47; Sir Eric McDowell, chartered accountant, 72; Miss Virginia McKenna, actress, 66; Mr Liam Neeson, actor, 45; Mr Thomas Arfon Owen, former director, Welsh Arts Council, 64; Mrs Jean Parker, former chairman, North Lincolnshire Health Authority, 65; Mr Michael Pennington, actor and writer, 54; Mr Ronald Pickup, actor, 57; Mr Neal Radford, cricketer, 40; Mr Curtis Robb, athlete, 25; Mr Jim Rose, former chairman, Penguin Books, 88; the Very Rev John A. Simpson, Dean of Canterbury, 64; Professor Sir William Stewart, FRS, former Chief Scientific Adviser, Cabinet Office, and Head of the Office of Science and Technology, 62; the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, 40; Mr John Turner, QC, Canadian politician, 68.

James Ivory, the film director, is 69 today

TOMORROW:
Sir William Barlow, former chairman, BICC, 73; the Rev Dr J.C.A. Barrett, Headmaster, The Leys School, Cambridge, 54; Lord Campbell of Croy, 76; Miss Lindka Cierach, fashion designer, 45; Mr Michael Codron, theatrical producer, 67; Professor Alice Coleman, geographer, 74; Professor Francis Crick, OM, FRS, biologist, 81; Earl Ferrers, 68; Mr Dudley Fishburn, former MP, 51; Lord Justice Glidewell, 73; Mr David Hobman, former director, Age Concern England, 70; Mr Raymond Illingworth, former chairman, England committee, TCCB, 65; Sir Michael Levey, former director, National Gallery, 70; Lady Littler, chairman, Gaming Board for Great Britain, 65; Sir Ian Morrow, company director, 85; Mr A.J. Mottram, former tennis player, 77; Major-General William Odling, 88; Sir Cranley Onslow, former MP, 71; Sir Eric Parker, former deputy chairman and group chief executive, Trafalgar House, 64; Brigadier Gael Ramsey, former commander, HQ Aldershot Garrison, 55; Sir Julian Ridsdale, former MP, 82; Mrs Norma Shaw, bowler, 60; Dr Robert Stevens, Master, Pembroke College, Oxford, 64; Mr Martin Taylor, chief executive, Barclays Group, 45; Mr Derek Underwood, cricketer, 52; Dame Anne Warburton, former president, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, 70; Mr Graham Watson, literary agent, 84; Sir Alwyn Williams, FRS, former Vice-Chancellor, Glasgow University, 76.

Anniversaries

TODAY
BIRTHS: John Rennie, civil engineer, East Linton, Lothian, 1761; George (Beau) Brummell, dandy, London, 1778; R.D. Blackmore, novelist, Longworth, Berkshire, 1825; Paul Gauguin, painter, Paris, 1848; Charles Rennie Mackintosh, architect, Glasgow, 1868; Sir Landon Ronald, conductor and composer, London, 1873; J.B. Morton (Beachcomber), satirist and historian, Tooting, 1893; Imre Nagy, Premier of Hungary 1953-55 and 1956, Kaposvar, 1895; Elizabeth Bowen, novelist, Co Cork, 1899; Annigoni, painter, Milan, 1910.

DEATHS: Robert the Bruce, King of Scotland 1306-29, Cardoss, 1329; Jean Harlow, film actress, Los Angeles, 1937; Dorothy Parker, writer, New York, 1967; E.M. Forster, novelist and critic, Coventry, 1970; Henry Miller, American writer, Pacific Palisades, California, 1980.

Sir Thomas Gresham laid the foundation stone of the first Royal Exchange, London, 1566.

The first sitting of the Northern Ireland Parliament, 1921.

The Vatican City was established, Rome, 1929.

TOMORROW
BIRTHS: Giovanni Cassini, astronomer, Perinaldo, France, 1625; John Smeaton, civil engineer, Leeds, 1724; Robert Stevenson, civil engineer, Glasgow, 1772; Robert Schumann, composer, Zwickau, Germany, 1810; Charles Reade, novelist, Ipsden House, Oxfordshire, 1814; Sir William White Baker, explorer, London, 1821; *Sir John Millais, President of* the Royal Academy 1896, Southampton, 1829; Frank Lloyd Wright, architect, Richland Center, Wisconsin, 1867.

DEATHS: Muhammad, Medina, 632; Hardicanute, King of England 1040-42, Lambeth, 1042; Edward the "Black Prince", London, 1376; Johann Winckelmann, historian, murdered, Trieste, 1768; Thomas Paine, radical, New York, 1809; Sarah Siddons, actress, London, 1831; Andrew Jackson, 7th American President 1829-37, Nashville, Tennessee, 1845; Sir Joseph Paxton, designer of the Crystal Palace, London, 1865; George Sand (pseudonym of Amandine Dupin), novelist, Nohant, France, 1876; Gerard Manley Hopkins, poet, Dublin, 1889; Bliss Carman, poet, New Canaan, Connecticut, 1929; Russell Harty, broadcaster, Leeds, 1988.

The electric suction vacuum-cleaner was patented, 1869.

James Earl Ray was arrested in London and accused of murdering Martin Luther King, Jr, 1968.

General Franco closed Spain's frontier with Gibraltar, 1969.

School news

Charterhouse
The following have been awarded:
Major Foundation Scholarships
1 Charles Barrow, Rokeby; 2 Oliver Geddes, Milbourne Lodge; 3 Charles Morrison, Milbourne Lodge; 4 Nicholas Beazley, Charterhouse (Brambletye); 5 Andrew Palmer, Copthorne; 6 David Payne, Haileybury Junior.
Foundation Scholarships
7 James McMullan, Aldro; 8 Nicolas Webb, Parkside; 9 R Tom Darvall, The Hawthorns; 10 James Holloway, Aldro; 11 Oliver Rokison, Downsend; 12 Richard Raven, Parkside.
Major Exhibitions
Alastair Insall, Aldro; Keith Law, Summerfields; Harry Owen, Copthorne.
Minor Exhibitions
Thomas Attenborough, Aldro; Timothy Jones, Eagle House.
Benn Scholarship
Charles Barrow, Rokeby.
Peter Attenborough Award
Sam Parton, Dulwich College Prep School, London.
Sir William Blackstone Award (for entry in 1999)
Samuel Furness, The Cathedral School, Llandaff.
Art Scholarships
Frederick Barnfield, Hoe Bridge; Vorapreut Telapaibul, Cheam Hawtreys; Nicholas Williams, Lanesborough.
Music Scholarships
Daniel Collins, Christ Church Cathedral School, Oxford; Alexander Gubbins, The Pilgrims' School; James Holloway, Aldro; Ralph Wilkinson, St Paul's Cathedral Choir School.
Sixth Form Entry:
Peter Newton Scholarships
Naomi Halligan, Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover; Lorraine Galliers, Warblington School, Havant.
Sir Robert Birley Scholarships
Annabel Grossmith, Tormead; Lindsey Arrick, Guildford High School.
Sir Robert Birley Exhibitions
Sophie Burton, Downe House; Annabel Kingston, Prior's Field School; Louise Yates, Cove School, Farnborough.
Music Scholarship
Annabel Grossmith, Tormead.
Art Scholarship
Louise Yates, Cove School, Farnborough.

Sunningdale School
Pauline is to retire, after 47 years of devoted service, at the end of the Michaelmas term. Old Boys and former parents wishing to subscribe to a presentation should send cheques made payable to Sunningdale School. Details of a presentation party will be announced later.

Appointment

Mr Stewart Crocker will succeed Mr Per Stenbeck as Chief Executive of the London-based International Fund Raising Group from August.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. Bowen
and Miss J.C.F. Longrigg
The engagement is announced between Dylan, son of Mr Clive Bowen, of Devon, and the late Mrs Alison Fortun, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Longrigg, of Oxford.

Mr J.W. Brodie
and Miss R.A. Bush
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Brodie, of Brockhall, Northamptonshire, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Bush, of Fawsley, Northamptonshire.

Mr I.L. Gamon
and Dr S.C. Hart
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs Lionel Gamon, of Longeveau, France, and Suzanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hart, of Wareham, Dorset.

Mr T. Pedder
and Miss A. Scott
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Dr and Mrs Jonathan Pedder, of Islington, London, and Alice, daughter of Dr and Mrs Sydney Scott, of Theydon Bois, Essex.

Mr J.W. Steevens
and Miss F.J. Walton
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs A. Ewart Steevens, of High Wycombe, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Walton, of Bournemouth.

Mr N.M.W. Wilkinson
and Miss D. Hey
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Wilkinson, of East Grinstead, Sussex, and Dorte, daughter of Lars Hey and Annette Tristan, of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Mr A.D. Bruce
and Miss H.E. Grove
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Mr David Bruce and of Mrs Bruce, of Abbots Deuglie, Glenfarg, Scotland, and Harriet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Grove, of King's Cliffe, Northamptonshire.

Mr R.M. Scott
and Miss J.C. Kowalski
The engagement is announced between Richard, second son of Mr and Mrs Michael Scott, of Oxshott, Surrey, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr Rick Kowalski and Ms Gina Pecora, of Michigan, USA.

Mr A.J.H. Williams
and Miss A. Newman
The engagement is announced between Alexander, elder son of Dr and Mrs Jonathan Williams, of Hove, East Sussex, and Annastasia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Newman, of Claremont, Western Australia.

Marriages

Dr G.P. Holländer
and Dr R. Graham-Smith
The marriage took place on May 31, in Central Park, New York, between Dr Georg Holländer, of Basel, Switzerland, son of the late Professor Ludwig Peter Holländer and of Gudrun Holländer, and Dr Rebecca Graham-Smith, of London, daughter of Professor Michael Graham-Smith and Mrs Carole Ronaldson.

Mr S.A. Mufti
and Miss C.M. Harvey
The marriage took place on June 6, 1997, at St Michaels Manor, St Albans, of Steven, only son of Afzal and Betty Mufti, to Claire, only daughter of Sheena Harvey.

The Royal Society of Literature

At the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Society of Literature on June 5, the Society's president, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM, FRSL, announced the election of twenty new Fellows: Michael Asher, Hugh Cecil, Rupert Christiansen, Morton Cohen, Quentin Crewe, Lionel Davidson, Richard Dawkins, Warwick Gould, Barbara Hardy, Max Hastings, Bevis Hillier, Fiona MacCarthy, Kenneth McLeish, Noel Malcolm, Philip Marsden, Vivien Noakes, Peter Parker, Ann Schlee, D.J. Taylor and Mary Wesley.

Lord Jenkins presented the Royal Society of Literature Award under the W.H. Heinemann Bequest to Frank McCourt for *Angela's Ashes* and the Winifred Holtby Award to Rohinton Mistry for *A Fine Balance*.

Church services tomorrow

Second Sunday after Trinity

ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL, ABERDEEN: 8 HC; 10.15 S Euch; 6.30 Choral E.

ARMAGH CATHEDRAL: 10 HC; 11 M, Marchant in G, Rev G M Kingston; 3.15 Ch E & Litany, Sumsion in G, Awake us Lord, and hasten (Bach).

BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Christ hath a garden (Drinkell), Jackson in G; 3.30 Ordination of Deacons, Darke in E, Litany for St Annes.

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; 9.15 HC; 11 Ch E, Mass for Four Voices (Byrd), O sacrum convivium (Tallis), Rev V Cory; 4 Ch E, Responses (Moore), Blessed City, heavenly Salem (Bairstow).

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.15 Ch M, Now the God of Peace (Knight), The Provost; 10.30 Euch, Missa brevis in D (Mozart); 4 Ch E, Let all the world (Williams), The Provost.

BRECON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch; 11 Euch, Henry Ley in E minor, Canon B H Jones; 3.30 E, With angels and archangels (Pring).

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL, College Green: 7.40 M; 8 HC; 10 Ch Euch, Ave Maria (Parsons), Canon J Simpson; 3.30 Ch E, Responses (Leighton), Harwood in A flat, Canon A Redfern.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 9.30 S Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Rev P G C Brett; 3.15 E, Responses (Leighton), Murrill in E, Blessed city, heavenly Salem (Bairstow).

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, Schubert in G, Fugue in G (Bach), Bishop of Durham; 3 E, Ireland in F, Cantate Domino (Monteverdi).

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Euch; 11.15 S Euch; 6 Choral E.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 10 Ch Euch, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), Canon T Dennis; 11.30 Ch M, Responses (Leighton), A Prayer for Peace (Lord), Canon T Dennis; 3.30 Ch E, Tu es Petrus (Palestrina), Rhapsody No 1 in D flat (Howells); 6.30 ES, Canon T Dennis.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 11 S Euch; 3.30 E.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, *Oxford:* M, Britten in E, Archdeacon; S Euch, Missa simile est regnum coelorum (Victoria), The Precentor; E, Gloucester Service (Howells), O clap your hands (Gibbons).

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP; 8 C; 10.30 Euch, Darke in F, The Father's Love (Lole), Canon D Mead; 5.30 E, Responses (Rose), Noble in D minor.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Te Deum (Tallis), Canon M Perry; 11.15 HC, Sumsion in F, Canon P Kent; 3.30 E, Murrill in E, A Hymn on St Columba (Britten).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, I hunger and I thirst (Wills), Canon J Inge; 3.45 E, Rejoice in the Lamb (Britten), Verse service (Wills)

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Ven R Gilpin; 11.15 M, Jesu, the very thought (Bairstow), Canon K Parry; 3 E, Responses (Radcliffe), Blair in B minor, Rev M Partridge.

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 Euch, Darke in F, Canon P Price; 12.15 HC; 3 Civic Service, One thing have I desired (Sumsion), I was glad (Parry).

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Missa brevis in F (Mozart), Rev Dr G Strachan; 11.15 M, Te Deum in G (Williams), I was glad (Parry), Ven R Acworth; 6.30 E, Stewart in C sharp minor, Fantasia in G (Bach), Rev J Gordon Clark.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 Euch, Collegium regale (Howells), The Succentor; 11.30 M, Te Deum in G (Williams), Jesu, the very thought of thee (Bairstow); 3.30 E, Stanford in B flat, Rev Dr G MacWilliams.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 Euch Messe Solenelle (Langlais), The Precentor; 3.30 S, O praise God in his holiness (Whyte), The Bishop.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Ireland in C, Te Deum in B flat (Stanford), Bishop of Kuching; 3.30 E, Responses (Smith), Walmisley in D minor.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Jackson in G, The Lamb (Tavener), The Precentor; 11.15 M, Stanford in C; 3.45 E, Like as the hart (Howells), The Chancellor.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 Euch, Rev C Tyrrell; 3 Ch E, Canon N Vincent; 4 HC.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Mass for three voices (Byrd), Archdeacon of Northumberland; 6 Ch E, Great Lord of Lords (Wood).

NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.15 S Euch, Mass of St Thomas (Thorne), Ave verum corpus (Wills), Canon *M Perham;* 11 Civic Service, O clap your hands (Williams), Rev *J Burton;* 3.30 E, And I saw a new heaven (Bainton), the Archdeacon.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 9.30 M, Moeran in E flat; 10.30 Euch, Missa brevis in D major (Mozart), Canon P Gompertz; 3.30 E, Dyson in D, The spacious firmament (Rose).

RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch; 9.30 Euch, Ireland in C, Rev M Menin; 11.30 M, Te Deum in C (Perrin), Noble in B; 12.30 Euch; 5.30 E, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Haydn), Canon D de la Hoyde.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M, Festival Te Deum (Britten), Hymn to St Cecilia (Howells); 10.30 S Euch, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), Canon D Herbert; 3.15 E, Responses (Smith), Rejoice in the Lamb (Britten).

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 Euch, Worcester Mass (Willcocks), Rev S Watson; 11.30 M, Te Deum in G (Williams), Jubilate in A (Walton), Rev A Philip; 3 E, Dyson in D, Faire is the heaven (Harris), Canon D Durston.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch, Canon D Painter; 11 Ch Euch, Darke in F, Who can express (Wesley), Canon D Painter; 3 Ch E, Murrill in E, O sing joyfully (Batten), The Provost.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M; 10 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Canon R Maynard; 6.30 E, And I saw a new heaven (Bainton), The Tresurer.

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.15 C, Jesu, joy of man's desiring (Bach), Canon R Cooper; 11 Euch, Whitlock in G, Coronation Te Deum (Walton), Canon S Ramsden; 4 E, Responses (Byrd), Stanford in A, The Provost.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Rev P de N Lucas; 3 E, Sumsion in A, Blessed city (Bairstow), Ven R J S Evens.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Reading), Te Deum (Gibbons), Canon D Hutt; 11.15 Euch, Missa brevis (Walton), Ley my prayer (Harris), Sister H Markey; 3 E, Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Weelkes), Rev I Corbett; 6.30 ES, Rev P Cowell.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 10.30 M, Te Deum (Howells), Canon P Hardman; 11.30 Euch, Missa sexti toni (Croce), Concerto in D minor (Bach); 3.30 E, St Paul's Service (Howells), Glorious and powerful God (Stanford).

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Canon P Ferguson; 11.30 M, Ireland in F; 4 E, St John's Service (Howells), Christe Jesu (Taverner), Rev T Evans.

ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL, Hertfordshire: 8 HC; 9.30 Euch, Canon Sansom; 11 Euch, Missa brevis (Britten), Prevent us, O Lord (Holman); 6.30 E, Responses (Morley), Blow in F, Rev M McLean.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC; 11 Ch M, O vos omnes (Casals), Rev C A Mitchell; 3.30 EP.

ST EDMUNDSBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 S Euch, Harris in F, O taste and see (Williams), Rev V Herrick; 11.30 Ch C; 3.30 Ch E, Responses (Tomkins), Brewer in D.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch; 10.30 S Euch, Missa brevis (Kodaly), Canon J Millard; 3.30 Ch E, Wood in F, I saw the Lord (Stainer).

ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL, Old Aberdeen: 11 MS, Rev R Frazer; 6 ES, Rev R Frazer.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 8.45 M; 11 S Euch, Missa Sancti Pauli (Vann), Archdeacon of London; 3.15 E, The Great Service (Parry), Give unto the Lord (Elgar), Rev B Morrison.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, Ennismore Gardens, London, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy, Kievan and traditional polyphony, Bishop Met Anthony.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Jackson in G, Rev V Stock; 5.15 LM; 6 Watson in E, Rev I Davies.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev R Bewes; 6.30 Rev J Cook.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa sonus musicae (Dieselheim), Sing we merrily (Batten).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 11 M, King of Glory, King of Peace (Walford-Davies); 12.15 HC; 6 E, Rev D Bean.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH, Curzon St, W1: 11 Sunday School.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev G Roper; 6.30 Rev J McMahon.

FARM STREET, W1: 8, 9.30, 12.30, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC; 11 MS, Rev S Downham; 5 Informal Service, Rev S Millar.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B.

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH, Iverna Gdns, W8: 11 Holy Mass, Archbishop Y Gizirian.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev Dr L Griffiths.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist) SW1: 11 Rev B Lucas; 6.30 Dr P Graves.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Ch Euch, Rev P Schmiege; 7 Ch Vesp, Rev P Schmiege.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, Britten in C, Hymn of Saint Columba (Britten), The Rector; 6.30 Ch E, Messe cum jubilo (Duruflé), The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Ch M & Euch, Darke in F, Stanford in A, Canon J Oates; 6.30 Ch E, Day in B flat, Great is the Lord (Elgar), Canon J Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Ch M, Te Deum in F (Ireland), Great Lord of Lords (Gibbons), Rev P Bishop.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev D Nicol; 6.30 Rev W Cairns.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa brevis (Darlow), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 Euch; 10.30 S Euch, Alma Redemptoris (Palestrina), Rev J Lawson; 6 Ch E, Weelkes Short Services, Cantate Domino (Schutz).

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev M Robins; 5.45 EP.

ST JOHN'S, Stratford E15: 11 S, Voluntary in D (Stanley), S Osborne; 6.30 HC, Rev M Okello.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8.30 HC; 10.30 MP & HC, Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), Rev J Streeting; 6.30 E, Rev C Kevill-Davies.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Darke in F, Rev T Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Rev D Hutt.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, The Vicar; 5 Ch E; 6.30 ES.

ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kensington W8: 9.30 Euch, Rev F Gelli; 11.15 Ch M, Vicar; 6.30 E, Rev M Fullep.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 10, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis (Palestrina), B Scott; 6 E & B.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Euch, Sumsion in F, Rev D Jones; 6 EP.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Ch Euch, Michael and All Angels (Gorb), Archdeacon of Charing Cross.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Euch; 11 S Euch, Mass in G (Stanford), The Spirit of the Lord is upon me (Elgar), Bishop of Kensington.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner St, SW3: 8 HC; 11 M, Lord Jesus Christ (Hill), Hear my prayer (Mendelssohn); 6.30 E, M McGowan.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Ubi Caritas (Duruflé), Canon I Hardaker.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Boyce in C; 3.30 E.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Te Deum in C (Britten), How lovely are thy dwellings fair (Brahms); 12.30 HC, Rev R Ballard.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Ave verum corpus (Elgar), Where thou reignest, King of Glory (Schubert), Rev C G Turner.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, I sat down under his shadow (Bairstow), Rev P J Cable.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 S Euch, Stanford in C, Rev Clive French.

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Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. Friends, you must never speak ill of one another. James 4 : 10,11

BIRTHS

BATLEY - See Houghton.

BESLY - On June 3rd 1997, to Sarah (née Powys Maurice) and Tom, a miraculous daughter, Eloise Dinah.

BIELANSKI - On May 22nd, to Sally (née Paul) and Michael, a son, Thomas Anthony, a brother for Harry.

CLARKE - On 31st May 1997, to Amanda (née Brown) and John, a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, sister to Edward, William and Cameron; courtesy of Mr John Malvern, and Queen Charlotte's Hospital (again!).

DIXON - On 28th May 1997, to Stephanie (née Little) and Simon, a daughter, Rachel Zoë, a sister for Oliver.

FARQUHARSON - On 26th May in Montego Bay, Jamaica, to David and Nicky (née Every-Brown), a daughter - Grace Victoria.

FARQUHAR - On 30th May 1997, to Victoria (née Collins) and Peter, a son, Edward Peter Grattan.

GLEAVE - On 6th June 1997 at Wythenshawe Hospital, to Victoria (Marles) and William, a beautiful daughter, Ella.

HARRISON - On 3rd June 1997, to Tessa (née Sutorius) and Robert, a beautiful second daughter, Juliet Josephine, a sister for Mark, Thys and Isabel.

HOUGHTON - On 29th May in Washington D.C., to Melanie (née Batley) and Tim, a son, William Edward John, a brother for Anna Rose.

LYU - On June 2nd 1997 at St Mary's Hospital, to Julia and Roy, a daughter, Kai Christine, a sister for Oliver.

MATHER - On 2nd June 1997 at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (née Donnelly) and Nicholas, a daughter, Madeleine May.

McCRYSTAL - On June 3rd at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Amanda (née Evans) and Damien, a son, Kit Charles, a brother for Jemima.

MONTGOMERY-MELLENEY - On June 3rd, to Victor and Clare, Anna Margaret, a lovely sister to Natasha.

ROBINSON - On 3rd June 1997, to Penelope (née Somerville) and Trevor, a wonderful son, William Hugh, a brother for Charlotte Elizabeth.

SMITH - On June 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Mandy and Rick, a beautiful son, Mason, a brother for Scarlett and Marty.

SPALDING - On 2nd June, to Richard and Nicola (née Morrison), a daughter, Katharine Veronica Mary, a sister for James Alexander.

STONE - On 29th May 1997, to Lucy (née Nott) and Peter, a son, Charles Edward, a brother for Alexandra and William.

TENENBAUM - On 21st May, to Claire (née Pearce) and Eugene, a son, Alexander Joseph Mark Pearce Tenenbaum.

WELLS - On June 6th 1997, to Elizabeth (née Evriviades) and Philip, a son, Laurence Allen Harcourt.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

WYKES:POND - On 8th June 1957 at the Church of the Assumption, Englefield Green, Ronald to Barbara.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

HALE:METCALFE - On June 7th 1947 at Woodchester, Glos., Michael to Penelope. Now at Ditchling, Sussex BN6 8TG.

LISTER:BRUTNELL - At Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge, June 7th 1947, Raymond Lister to Pamela Brutnell.

MAUNDER:SKARDON - On 7th June 1947 at St Edward's Catholic Church, Plymouth, Derek (Lt(E) RN) to Sheila.

McGLYNN:BOWEN - Joe to Barbara on 7th June 1947 at St Patrick's R.C. Church, Fort William, Calcutta. Now in Bushey, Hertfordshire.

DEATHS

ANSON - On June 5th, Geoffrey Rupert of 2000 Jonathan Drive, Martinsburg, W. Virginia, USA, aged 68 after a long illness bravely borne. Much loved husband, father, grandfather and brother. Memorial Service in England, details later.

ARON - Dr. Karl W., M.B. Ch.B. FRCPsych. D.P.M. passed away on June 3rd in Cardiff after an illness borne with great courage and dignity. Beloved husband of Sylvia, adored father of Emma, Julian and Charlotte, honoured father-in-law of Ronnie, Beverly and Stuart. Most loving grandfather of Sophie, Amalia and Eitan, Moshe, Avishai and Tirza, Natasha and Daniel. Respected and revered by his colleagues, family and friends for his wise counsel and unassuming modesty and unfailing support for those in adversity.

AYRE - On June 4th 1997 Lt. Colonel George Brinley Ayre D.L. Middlesex Regiment, after a short illness borne with courage, humour and dignity. Husband of the late Margaret and father of Jennifer, Susan and Patience. A much loved and respected father, grandfather and great-grandfather. A valued servant to the counties of Leicestershire and Rutland. Funeral Service at the Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul, Uppingham, Rutland, at 2pm on Saturday 14th June. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to be divided between The Stroke Unit Ward 7 Leicester General Hospital, and the Royal British Legion c/o E.M. Dorman Funeral Director, 10 Main Street, Bisbrooke, Uppingham, Rutland LE15 9EP.

COWDY - Haidee (née Rawlinson) on 4th June 1997 suddenly at home in County Armagh. Beloved wife of Major Ralph Cowdy, much loved daughter of Lord Rawlinson of Ewell and the late Mrs Charles Turner, beloved mother of Peter and Arabella Annesley. Funeral Tuesday June 10th 1997 11am Roselawn Cemetery, Belfast.

BEDDARD - Thomas William Brookes (Bill) on 4th June 1997 at King's College Hospital aged 85. Served with the Grenadier Guards, the Monmouthshire's and the South Wales Borderer's. Beloved husband of Patricia and loving father to Andrea. Cremation at West Norwood Crematorium Tuesday 10th June at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to WWF-UK (c/o Bill Beddard Memorial Fund), Panda House, Weyside Park, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1XR.

MURRAY - Sheilagh Mary (née Quin-Smith) on 6th June, at home, after a long illness borne with exemplary courage, dearly beloved wife of Lt. Col. Nat Murray and mother of Finn and Catriona. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at Bishopstone Parish Church at 3 o'clock on Friday 13th June. No flowers. Enquiries to Stephen Beckwith (01725) 552309 at Richard T. Adlem Funeral Director.

PORTER - Suddenly on June 3rd 1997, Vic of Warmwell, Dorset aged 54. Deeply loved and loving husband of Marilyn and father of Emily and Sophia. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Warmwell, Thursday June 12th at 2pm. No flowers by request, but donations if wished for CLIC c/o Grassby F/S 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1TW.

RATHBONE - Annie Irene Lewis (née Steele), wife of Lt. Col. R.A.P. Rathbone, died peacefully 5th June 1997. Funeral 9 am at St Mark's, Bourne End, on 16th June. Family flowers only. Donations to St John's, Little Marlow. Cheques made payable to Little Marlow D.C.C. c/o G. Smith, Funeral Directors, 7 The Green, Wooburn Green, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP10 0EE, tel: (01628) 523566.

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REEVE-TUCKER - On 3rd June 1997 in hospital after a long illness, June Margaret, 76, of Mayfield, East Sussex. Widow of Richard Aubrey St Maur Reeve-Tucker and darling Mother of Sally. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Mark Cross on Thursday, 12th June at 12 noon, followed by Burial at Mayfield. Family flowers only, donations if wished to Arthritis Research Council (A.R.C.), c/o Paul Bysouth Funeral Service, Crowborough. Tel: (01892) 655000.

WHITAKER - Gertrude died peacefully in London on Monday 26th May in her 87th year. "Auntie Gertie" is missed by relatives and remembered as a friend and a loving, caring lady who always put others before herself. We love you.

WISE - Clifford Arthur on June 2nd suddenly in Salamanca, Spain. Greatly missed by Andrew, Petra, Rebecca, India and his wife-to-be, Claudia. Cremation Wednesday 11th June at 12.30pm Gilroes Crematorium, Groby Road, Leicester. Enquiries to A.C. James & Son, Funeral Directors, 0116 254 2900.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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OBITUARIES

FRED NUTBEAM

Frederick Nutbeam, MVO, former head gardener at Buckingham Palace, died on May 16 aged 83. He was born on March 18, 1914.

In 1953, Fred Nutbeam was one of 120 people to respond to a discreet newspaper advertisement for a post of head gardener in central London. He had not guessed that he was applying for one of the most distinguished gardening posts in the country, that of head gardener at Buckingham Palace, a position he held for almost a quarter of a century, until his retirement in 1978.

Frederick Charles Nutbeam went to school in Hythe, Hampshire, and started his gardening career as soon as he left school at the age of 13. He learnt his craft at large private houses in Hampshire and elsewhere, and also worked for a time at Walmer Castle in Kent.

He served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War, based at Portsmouth, and after the war went back to gardening. In 1947 he moved to Wales to be head gardener at St Donat's Castle (now Atlantic College), on the Glamorgan coast.

He spent seven years there, before taking up his post at Buckingham Palace on January 1, 1954. At the Palace, he was responsible for maintaining to an exceptionally high standard a garden of more than 40 acres, with large plantings of trees and shrubs, and extensive lawns which are each year trampled on by tens of thousands of people attending garden parties and other events.

One of the most testing times for Nutbeam was during the drought of 1976, when the gardens, and particularly the lawns, were under great stress. Yet by skilful cultivation he managed to keep up appearances, despite the ban on garden watering, which applied even to the Palace.

He was highly regarded by the Royal Family, who take a great interest in the gardens. When the Queen's children were small, they were said occasionally to give the gardeners a hand (though usually when Fred was not around).

He was given great freedom in the gardens, and he used it wisely, though always informing the Queen what he was planning, such as new plantings. He planted many more flowering shrubs and considerably improved the camellia collection, which was one of his great loves. He also propagated camellias at the Palace gardens for eventual planting out. A priority when he arrived was to plant more trees to screen the high-rise buildings that were sprouting like weeds in the area, and to provide more privacy in the gardens.

Two of his special loves at the Palace were the rose garden and the long herbaceous border, both of which he maintained to an extremely high standard. The herbaceous border, designed to be at its peak in summer for the garden parties, was a fine example of a form of gardening rarely seen today.

Nutbeam was also involved in planting out 15,000 or more bedding plants each May, and 20,000 bulbs in the autumn. In addition he bore the responsibility for the planting of a collection of silver-leaved plants, which Lord and Lady Astor, of Hever Castle, had presented to the Queen and Prince Philip as a silver wedding present in 1972.

Nutbeam was a disciplinarian of the old school, having been trained under strict head gardeners at a time when they were a force to be reckoned with. But he was also a cheerful person and much respected by his staff. Although he lived in London he was a countryman at heart.

He took delivery of the flamingos for the Palace lake in 1961, and thought them "a wonderful sight". He once commented: "The garden feels isolated and I often forget I am in London because of the quietness and the abundant wildlife. It is a birdwatcher's paradise."

He had his own kitchen garden at the Palace, and gave any surplus produce to the gardening staff. He also recorded the weather at the gardens.

In later years he was plagued by poor eyesight, but he carried on through his retirement judging local shows and giving talks and lectures to gardening societies and groups. He was at his best talking to people, and loved showing groups around the Palace gardens.

In retirement, Nutbeam returned to the place he grew up, the village of Dibden Purlieu in the New Forest, Hampshire. He continued gardening in his own beautiful garden.

A new azalea has been named after him, "Fred Nutbeam", with exceptionally large, freely produced and brilliant orange-red flowers, is one of the Hyde evergreen azaleas raised by his close friend the late George Hyde, a nurseryman from Ferndown, Dorset, who specialised in and hybridised rhododendrons and azaleas. This azalea was launched last year after being presented to the Queen at the Chelsea Flower Show. It was hoped that Nutbeam would make the presentation, but he was not well enough to travel to Chelsea. A group of this azalea has been planted at Buckingham Palace to mark the Queen's 70th birthday.

In 1977, the year before his retirement, Nutbeam was appointed a Member of the Royal Victorian Order. He is survived by his wife Gertrude Frances, whom he married in 1937, and by their two daughters and son.

WILLIAM CRAMPTON

William Crampton, vexillologist, died on June 4 aged 61. He was born on May 5, 1936.

ASKED when he first became interested in flags, William Crampton replied that this was like asking when he first started breathing. He began his research as a schoolboy, when he realised that some of the flags in his atlas were out of date, and his love of the subject led to the foundation of the Flag Institute and to a presence on the Internet.

As founder and director of the Flag Institute, he was Britain's foremost authority, and was consulted by publishers, librarians, newspapers, television and film-makers. His international standing was recently acknowledged by his election as president of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations.

William George Crampton was educated at Wallasey Grammar School and — after National Service in 1954-56, which took him to the Suez Canal zone — at the London School of Economics, where he read sociology. He had a period teaching at Gravesend Technical College and in Ghana, before in 1963 he became an adult education organiser for the West Lancashire and Cheshire Workers' Educational Association.

From boyhood he had scoured bookshops and libraries for information about flags, and now he began to correspond with other experts, including Whitney Smith, the American expert who was regarded as the father of the international vexillological community. At a meeting held in London by Smith in 1967, Crampton met many other flag-lovers, including Captain Edward Barraclough, the then editor of the standard British reference book, *Flags of the World*.

This meeting gave a boost to Crampton's activities. He soon became the most active member of the flag section of the Heraldry Society, editing its newsletter, which later became *Flagmaster*. In 1971, he and Barraclough launched the Flag Institute, which maintains and distributes up-to-date information about national flags and emblems throughout the world. In the same year, at the fourth international Congress of Vexillology, in Turin, the institute was accepted as a member of the International Federation. Two years later, it was to host the fifth congress in London.

In the meantime, Crampton had produced numerous booklets — including a survey of British Army flags which resulted in an inquisitorial visit from Special Branch. In due course he became co-editor and then editor of *Flags of the World* and the popular *Observer Book of Flags*. With energy best described as unflagging, he achieved a near monopoly as editor of such titles, with *Eyewitness Guide to Flags*, *The Spotter's Guide to Flags*, *The Complete Guide to Flags*, *The World of Flags* and *Flags of the World*. He was also an adviser to *The Statesman's Yearbook*, the Navy, the Commonwealth Institute and the BBC, and helped to prepare flag charts for schools.

In 1985, at the 11th of the biennial international congresses, Crampton was awarded a diploma by the Soviet Flag Society, and in 1991 he was given the International Association's "Vexillon", for excellence in the promotion of vexillology. Two years later he was elected president of the International Federation, an office he held until his death.

Crampton was called upon by film-makers, and advised on historically authentic flags for *The Mission* (1986), *Tai-Pan* (1986) and *The Madness of King George* (1994). He was also invited to create a number of new flags, including that for the Channel Island of Herm.

In 1995, he gained a PhD from Manchester University, after ten years' work on his thesis "Flags as Non-Verbal Symbols in the Management of National Identity" — which was largely based on a study of the repeated changes of flags in Germany over the past century or so as a reflection of the turbulent political situation.

Crampton was also a leader in the campaign to have the Union Jack formally proclaimed the national flag as it approaches the bicentenary of its incorporation of the Irish Cross of St Patrick in 1801.

The growth of the Flag Institute, and the volume of business with flag manufacturers, led in 1995 to the formation of a company, Flag Institute Enterprises, of which Crampton was managing director.

William Crampton is survived by a son and daughter, his marriage having been dissolved.

JEFF BUCKLEY

Jeff Buckley, guitarist and songwriter, drowned on May 29 aged 30. He was born on August 1, 1966.

ALTHOUGH he was the son of Tim Buckley, one of the most influential American folk-rock singer-songwriters of the 1960s, Jeff Buckley was thought by many to have eclipsed his father's career with his 1995 debut album, *Grace*. A collection of unusual cover-versions (Leonard Cohen's *Hallelujah*, Benjamin Britten's *Corpus Christi Carol*) and his own compositions, *Grace* was a showcase for Jeff Buckley's astonishing vocal talents.

Once described as "a choirboy singing in a whorehouse", he could go from dirty-kneed, Kurt Cobain-style screaming to the purest top C in a breath; before embarking on a scat-jazz odyssey that would last ten minutes or more. Employing a mixture of folk, funk, grunge and jazz, *Grace* won Buckley the *Rolling Stone* Best New Artist Award in 1995.

On May 29, while working on the follow-up album in Memphis, Tennessee, Buckley and a friend went to a marina on the Mississippi to relax. Buckley, fully clothed, waded into the river singing, and was swept away by the wake of a passing boat. His body was found a week later.

Jeff Buckley never knew his father — Tim was a lothario with a drug-habit that kept him restless. Although Tim released eight critically-acclaimed albums, his sales were always disappointing. He left Jeff's mother when Jeff was six-months-old, leaving her to support Jeff and his younger brother through a variety of dead-end jobs. They had a nomadic existence, moving from state to state; and the pressure of his mother's work left Jeff to bring up his younger brother on his own.

Although he dedicated the song *Dream Brother* to Buckley senior, Jeff was frequently disparaging of his absent father — claiming he inherited his musical talent from his mother. At one of his London concerts in 1995, a member of the audience kept shouting out Tim Buckley's name — Jeff responded by miming the inhalation of heroin and falling to the ground in convulsions, before "dying" by the drum-riser. Tim died of an overdose in 1975. He was 28.

As a result of such an unconventional upbringing, Jeff Buckley turned to music at an early age. He was a regular on the New York folk scene, playing to crowded bars in rough-and-ready half-hour slots. One of his trademarks was to begin singing soft and low, gradually raising the volume and pitch until the audience became totally silent and entranced.

His first, limited-edition live album, *Live at the Sin-e*, was released on the independent label Big Cat in 1994. Such was its critical success that Sony Records signed him up for his first proper release, the *Grace* album, within months.

Buckley was disparaging of his status and burgeoning "legend" — and often bemused by record companies waiting on him hand and foot. One of his favourite jokes was "How many Jeff Buckleys does it take to change a lightbulb?" "Oh, it's okay, Jeff, we'll do it for you, we know a guy in Brooklyn who's *wonderful* at changing lightbulbs. He'll do it for a couple of points [royalties] on your album."

Although the *Rolling Stone* award raised his profile in the US, it was in Britain and Ireland that Buckley's career was based. His audience was diverse — from forty-somethings checking out Tim Buckley's son, to more avant-garde teenage girls, impressed by his cheekbones and haunted eyes. John McEnroe and Chrissie Hynde were regulars at his concerts — Hynde and McEnroe once spending an evening jamming with him after a particularly triumphant London appearance.

Songs such as *Last Goodbye* — a shivering blend of folk, blues and Buckley's scatting, ululating voice; and the dolorous, harmonium-led *Lover, You Should Have Come Over* — had marked Buckley out as a new Van Morrison, someone with limitless talent and range.

His last British appearance, at the 1995 Glastonbury Festival, was a chance to premiere new material, post-*Grace*. Songs such as the astonishing *What Will You Say When You See My Face* — built around Eastern chord-structures and endless, despairing blues arpeggios — confirmed that Buckley was on an artistic roll that might have resulted in dozens of treasured albums.

MARION COATE

Marion Coate, MBE, Secretary of the Franco-British Society, 1946-77, died on June 3 aged 91. She was born on May 3, 1906.

THROUGH her long reign as its chief official, Marion Coate made the Franco-British Society a lively and popular organisation, fostering and improving the understanding between the two countries. She brought to the task of running the society outstanding intelligence, energy and charm.

These qualities were very much on display at moments such as President de Gaulle's state visit to Britain in 1960, or at the time that Robert Schumann (the originator of the Schumann Plan, leading to the creation of the Iron and Steel Community) came to London in 1969. Both behind the scenes and through her own inimitable *joie de vivre*, Marion Coate did much to ensure that a happy atmosphere pervaded the social occasions that go along with such visits.

Born to English parents in Switzerland, Marion Mabel Coate possessed an unusual gift for languages and was a polyglot from an early age. After taking a degree in modern languages and history at Lausanne University, she taught French and Italian to English students abroad until the threat of war persuaded her to put her talents to more urgent use.

Leaving Switzerland — whose neutrality in the coming struggle she accurately foresaw — she came to London and took a job with the Air Ministry, where she was soon made personal assistant to Air Chief Marshal Sir Philip Joubert de la Ferte, the Assistant Chief of Air Staff. So highly did he think of her that, when he moved to take charge of Coastal Command, he did not hesitate to invite her to go with him. Later in the war she put her linguistic ability to further use while working with the code-breakers at Bletchley Park. She ended her war service on the staff of Lord Louis Mountbatten at South-East Asia Command in Colombo, where she served as liaison officer to the newly arrived French mission.

This proved a splendid background for her appointment as the first postwar secretary of the Franco-British Society in 1946. She threw herself into her work — lecturing in both French and English to all the society's branches throughout England and Wales and spearheading organised tours of an at first war-ravaged France.

Later she was the moving spirit behind the British-French colloquies, which became annual events, often attracting high-powered figures from both countries. She was appointed MBE in 1967, and had been made a chevalier of the légion d'Honneur in 1960. In 1976 she won the Whitbread Award for the promotion of British-French co-operation. She continued with her lecturing long after retirement, finding that she had more time for the part of the job she liked best when she was spared from paperwork.

Marion Coate never married and is survived by a brother and sister.

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Dated this 5th day of June 1997 DENTON HALL Five Chancery Lane Clifford's Inn London, EC4A 1BU (Ref: TG/BKW) Solicitors for the said Company

PUBLIC NOTICES

MAJOR JOHN WILLIAM MANN-THOMSON deceased late of Foxton Grange, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, and The Willows Nursing Home, Coventry Road, Market Harborough who died on 7th April 1996. Would anyone knowing the whereabouts of any Will made by the above named please contact Philip J. Hammond & Sons, Solicitors, 47 Friar Lane, Leicester LE1 5QX. Tel 0116 251 7171 (Ref: 05 43 209).

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of EDWARD EAMON BOYLE late of Flat 29, 82 Verney Road, Rotherhithe, London SE16 3DB who died on 6 December 1996 and whose Will was proved on 27 February 1997 is required to send written particulars to the undersigned by 8 August 1997 after which date the Executors will distribute the Estate of the said Deceased having regard only to the claims and interests of which they shall then have had notice.

Dated June 2 1997 HEPBURNS BLENHEIM HOUSE, BLENHEIM GROVE, PECKHAM, LONDON SE15 4QX (Ref: NJH) Solicitors for the said Executors

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ON THIS DAY

June 7, 1947

This unpublished address delivered by Field-Marshal Montgomery several weeks before D-Day 1944 to a group which included King George VI and Winston Churchill shows his jaunty self-confidence that the forthcoming landings would succeed.

INVASION SECRET REVEALED

F-M. MONTGOMERY'S FORECAST

A recording for the B.B.C.'s archives of part of a hitherto unpublished address which Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery of Alamein made to his generals in the presence of the King and Mr. Churchill at the final presentation of invasion plans on May 15, 1944, was broadcast last night, the third anniversary of D-Day. In it Field-Marshal Montgomery said:-

Last February Rommel took command from Holland down to the Loire. It is clear to me that his intention is to deny any penetration. He will, undoubtedly, try to defeat us on the beaches, and, to this end, we have been watching him carefully, and three things have happened.

First, he has thickened up the coastal crust; secondly, he has increased the number of infantry divisions not committed to beach defence, and has allotted them a lay-back role, to seal off any break in that crust; and, thirdly, he has redistributed his armed reserves so that there are now four armed panzer divisions in or near the Neptune area.

Some of us here know Rommel very well. I personally know him extremely well. He is an energetic and determined commander, and he has made a world of difference since he took over.

He is at his best in the spoiling attack, and I would say that his *forte* is disruption.

He is far too impulsive for the set-piece battle. He will do his level best to Dunkirk us — push us into the sea — not to fight the armed battle on ground of his own choosing, but to avoid it altogether by preventing our tanks landing, and he will do this by using his own tanks well forward. That is how I believe he is going to fight.

Now for the solution. We have got the initiative. And so we will blast our way on shore and get a good lodgment before the enemy can bring sufficient reserves up to turn us out. Armoured columns from our forces must then penetrate deep inland — and quickly — on D Day. And that will upset the enemy's plans and tend to hold him off while we build up our strength. While we are engaged in doing this, the air — that is to say the allied air forces, British, American and the other nations' — must hold the ring and must hinder and make very difficult the movement of enemy reserves by train or road towards our lodgment area.

One last point. We have got to send our soldiers into this party absolutely seeing red. They have got to see red. We must get them completely on their toes, having absolute faith in the plan and imbued with infectious optimism and offensive eagerness. Nothing must stop them. If we send them into battle in this way, then we shall succeed.

Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery, broadcasting last night, summarised the fighting and continued:

What were the main causes of the enemy's decisive defeat? I consider that the following factors, all of which were of equal importance, contributed to this end: (a) The skill and toughness of the allied forces; (b) The unity and team work among the allies; (c) Our complete mastery on the sea and in the air, and our superiority in supplies and equipment; (d) The Russian successes in the east, which also contained a large proportion of the enemy forces; and finally (e) The determination and fortitude of British men and women on the home front.

THE TIMES TODAY

SATURDAY JUNE 7 1997

NEWS

Blair tells Kohl: borders must stay

■ Tony Blair told Helmut Kohl that he could not sign up to a new treaty on Europe's future in Amsterdam in ten days' time unless Britain's border controls remained legally intact. Displaying growing confidence on the European stage, Mr Blair promised in Bonn to try to set the EU agenda .... Page 1

Britain rides a sporting wave

■ Britons wake up this morning to a rare red letter day of sport, with so much glory confronting them that they may have to pinch themselves to be sure it is not all a distant dream. The start will be at Edgbaston where, weather permitting, a miraculously revived England cricket XI will finish their first-innings demolition of the Australians .... Page 1

Higher mortages

The newly independent Bank of England seized its first opportunity to raise interest rates leaving homeowners facing higher mortgage costs .... Page 1

Doctor questioned

A consultant obstetrician was being questioned after his wife was found beaten to death on the patio at their home .... Page 1

Directors' donation

The row over Camelot "fat cat" pay was resolved when senior directors agreed to donate part of their bonuses to charity ..... Page 2

Making ends meet

Britain's highest-paid director is a former carpet fitter who has changed roles to cut his cloth as a City trader .... Page 3

PC thrown from car

Detectives are hunting a man who stole a policeman's car after throwing him from the bonnet as he tried to stop suspects .... Page 6

Health care row

People with a history of mental illness are being recruited as nursing assistants .... Page 8

School doubts

An Islamic boarding school may be refused registration after inspectors found that it was a threat to pupils' health .... Page 9

Faster justice

The *Lord Chancellor* sent out a clear message that the Government will proceed with proposed reforms to cut the delay and expense in civil justice .... Page 13

Torture shock

Italians reacted with shock and disbelief to allegations that their troops had tortured Somalis during the multinational peacekeeping operation .... Page 15

Algerian election

Pro-government parties swept to victory in the first Algerian election since the Islamic insurgency started five years ago .... Page 17

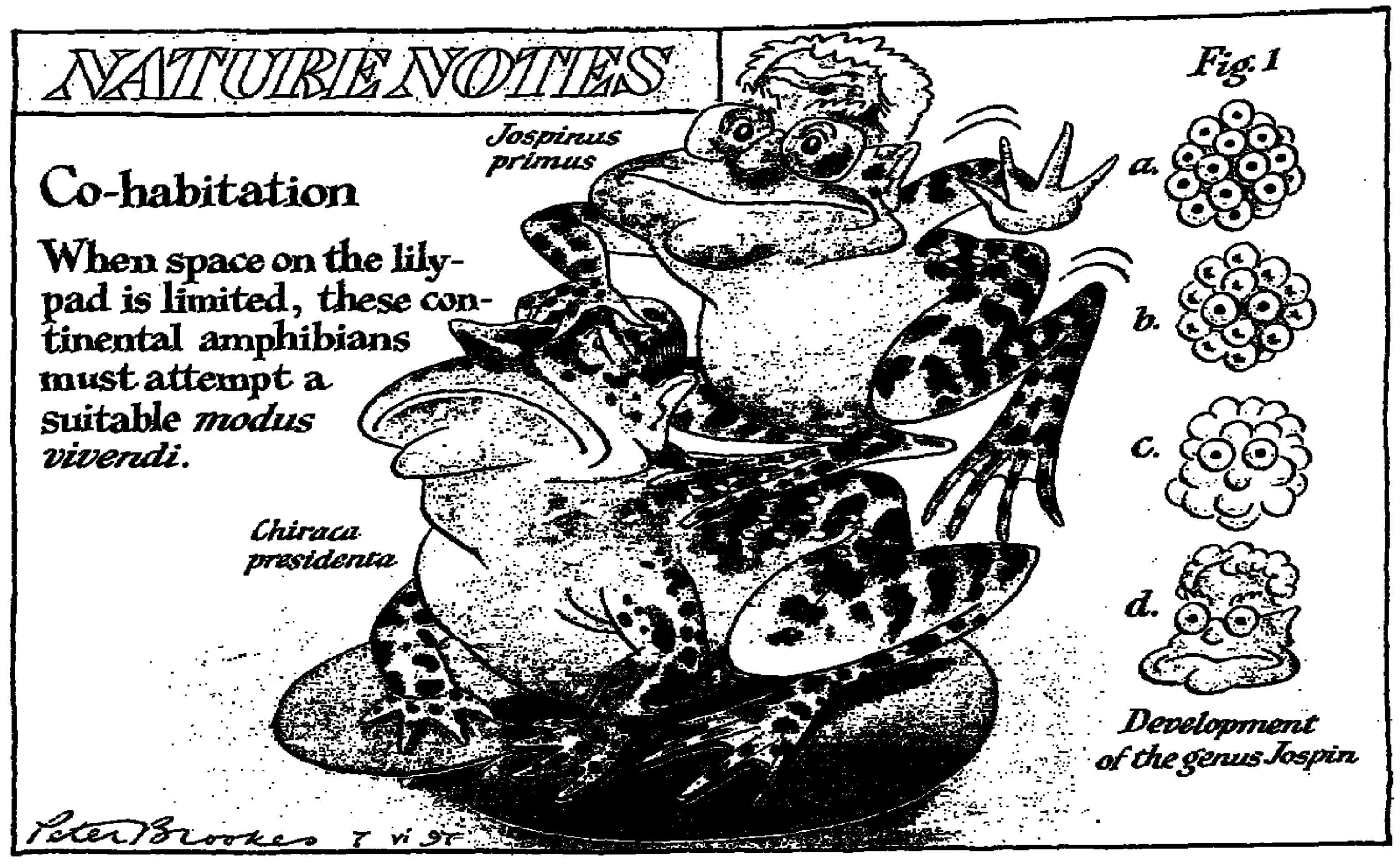
Too much messing about in boats

■ One of the most charming images of Cambridge — punting along the Backs — is becoming one of the city's biggest headaches. An increase in the number of tourists is leading to gridlock on the Cam and a level of rowdiness that is disturbing colleges who have called for tighter policing .... Page 1

NATURE NOTES

Co-habitation

When space on the lily-pad is limited, these continental amphibians must attempt a suitable *modus vivendi*.



OPINION

Smith in Camelot: A general sense of disquiet about Camelot is not a reason for a minister to seek to stop 40 per cent pay rises. Mr Smith has exposed himself as interventionist and anti-business in a Government that is supposed to be the opposite ..... Page 23

Peace warrior: In Ehud Barak the Israeli Labour Party has opted for Mr Rabin's natural successor .... Page 23

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Simon Jenkins: John Arlott and Brian Johnston were complementary. They were Morecambe and Wise, Flanders and Swann ..... Page 22

John Adamson: What is astonishing about the proposal to demolish a third of the Fitzwilliam museum's façade is that it should ever have been contemplated ... Page 22

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Fred Nutbeam, head gardener at Buckingham Palace; **Jeff Buckley**, singer-songwriter; **William Crampton**, vexillologist .... Page 25

BUSINESS

Cable & Wireless: The biggest uncertainty was removed when the company announced the sale of a stake in Hongkong Telecom, to a mainland Chinese phone company .... Page 27

Tesco: One of the City's leading fund managers took the unusual step of paying tribute to Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth as he said farewell to shareholders. Page 27

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 68.8 to 4645.0. Sterling fell to 99.6 after falling from $1.6306 to $1.6275 and DM2.8195 to DM2.8143 .... Page 30

SPORT

Cricket: Hussain scored 207 and Thorpe 138 as England reached 449 for six, a lead of 331, in the first Test .. Page 52

Racing: Entrepreneur is odds-on favourite for the Derby. Reams Of Verse won the Oaks .... Pages 44, 52

Tennis: Gustavo Kuerten will meet Sergi Bruguera, twice a winner of the tournament, in the final of the French Open .... Page 50

Rugby union: Matches in next season's five nations' championship will be played for the first time on a Sunday .... Page 52

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This wooden O: Second production of the inaugural Globe season, *Henry V*, with Mark Rylance at centre stage .... Page 20

Feel-good: Joshua Sobol's new play, *The Village*, comes to London with a sweet but simplistic view of childhood .... Page 20

Sing all about it: "No British composer has yet put on the stage the great mythic figures of our own recent history: Thatcher, Scargill, Diana, Botham, Baby Spice," says Richard Morrison .... Page 21

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,500

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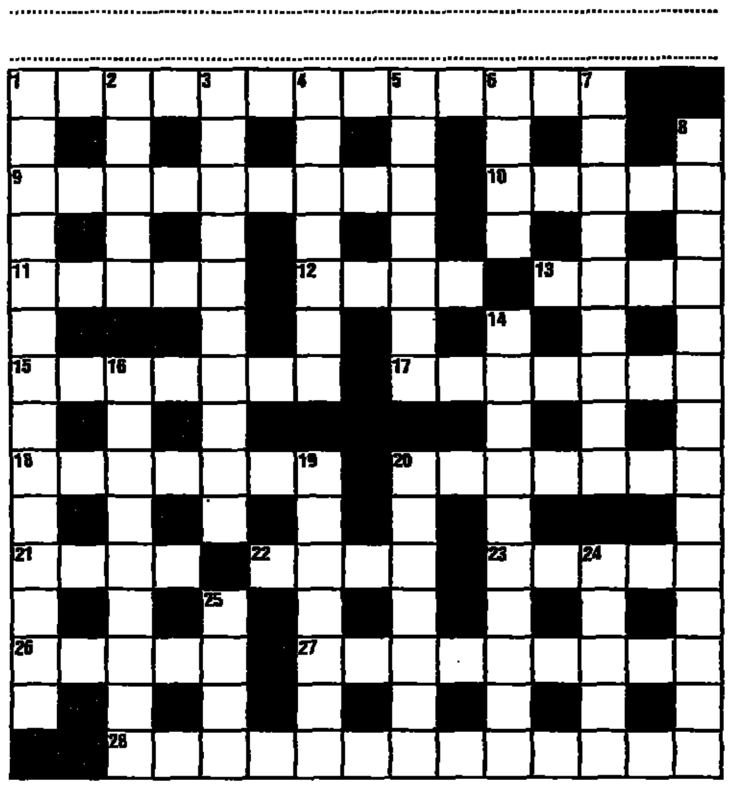

ACROSS

1 Connection between banks and games (7.6).
9 Discovering uranium missing, narrowly averted disaster (4.5).
10 Entertain Clio, for example (5).
11 Aroused respect, securing approval (5).
12 Skip over much in the leaders (4).
13 Sound of animal's cry (4).
15 Impose one's will with backing of foreign state police (7).
17 Inscription in stove-pipe hat (7).
18 It can make me a lord (7).
20 Saw quoted, placed in speech (7).
21 Stroke used in race (4).
22 Song with a recurrent melody (4).
23 Two firms are providing drink (5).
26 Dirt in 'Arry's 'ome (5).
27 I am turning out to be instructional (9).
28 Efficient? Save one's bacon only if it is (5.4.4).

DOWN

1 Thrilling sensation concealed by housewife (4.3.7).
2 Marsh was named after this tree (5).
3 Pips are possible (2.3.5).
4 Harmful rumour about award (7).
5 Jazz cutting from second of two newspapers (7).
6 A lot of wood (4).
7 Untax beer? Drunk might well be this (9).
8 Be unable to raise the wind, yet perceive it (4.3.7).
14 Part of London puts book on trial (5.5).
16 Seamen from Cóbh go round the twist (9).
19 Extraordinary heroism inspiring fresh intake (7).
20 Quiet bird following a river's edge (7).
24 It's stocked by Dutch in Amsterdam or Delft, perhaps (5).
25 Fish for tea (4).

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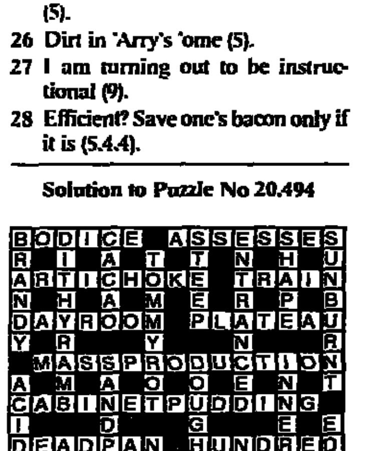

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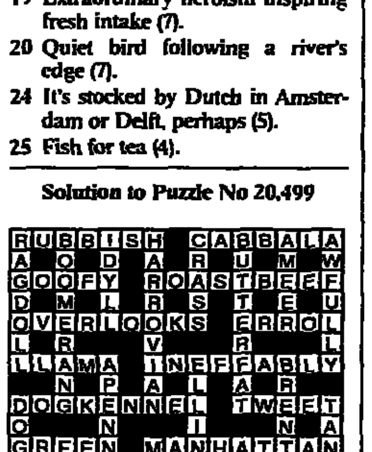

LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: ***J Mortimer, Cold Ash, Berkshire; J R L Cook, Wimbledon; M Wray, Newmarket, Suffolk; T Blakemore, Aldridge, Walsall; A Bermingham, Bloxham, Oxfordshire.***

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

TODAY

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
4.45 am	9.14 pm
Moon sets	Moon rises
11.46 pm	7.04 am

First quarter June 13

London 9.14 pm to 4.45 am
Bristol 9.24 pm to 4.55 am
Edinburgh 9.54 pm to 4.29 am
Manchester 9.34 pm to 4.42 am
Penzance 9.29 pm to 5.13 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
4.45 am	9.15 pm
Moon sets	Moon rises
11.25 pm	8.01 am

First quarter June 13

London 9.15 pm to 4.44 am
Bristol 9.24 pm to 4.54 am
Edinburgh 9.55 pm to 4.29 am
Manchester 9.35 pm to 4.41 am
Penzance 9.29 pm to 5.13 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	03.55	7.1	16.15	7.1
Aberdeen	03.18	4.2	15.45	4.0
Avonmouth	09.24	12.9	21.39	13.0
Belfast	00.55	3.5	13.23	3.3
Cardiff	09.10	12.0	21.25	12.0
Devonport	08.00	5.2	20.14	5.3
Dover	00.54	6.6	13.17	6.6
Dublin (N Wall)	01.30	4.2	13.51	4.0
Falmouth	07.31	5.0	19.45	5.1
Greenock	02.16	3.4	14.57	3.1
Harwich	01.45	3.9	14.05	3.9
Holyhead	00.12	5.6	12.35	5.4
Hull (Albert D)	08.24	8.5	20.50	8.3
Ilfracombe	08.08	8.9	20.23	9.0
King's Lynn	08.27	6.6	20.54	6.3
Leith	04.40	5.4	17.04	5.4
Liverpool	01.06	9.3	13.28	9.1
Lowestoft	11.38	2.5	-	-
Margate	01.58	4.6	14.17	4.6
Milford Haven	08.23	6.7	20.40	6.7
Newquay	07.14	6.7	19.31	6.8
Oban	07.53	3.7	19.55	3.8
Penzance	06.42	5.3	19.02	5.4
Portland	09.05	1.8	21.13	2.0
Portsmouth	01.06	4.6	13.33	4.5
Shoreham	00.57	6.1	13.27	6.0
Southampton	00.37	4.5	13.00	4.4
Swansea	08.24	9.2	20.41	9.2
Tees	05.39	5.3	18.03	5.2
Walton-on-N	01.39	4.1	13.58	4.0

All times BST. Hights in metres

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Gravesend, Kent, 27C (81F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Newquay, Cornwall, 1.10in, highest sunshine: Margate, Kent, 9.9hr

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Recycled paper made up 41.2% of the raw material for UK newspapers in the first half of 1996

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be rather cloudy. Many places will start dry away from the South and South East. Rain in the South East will clear by afternoon but may be heavy in places. Elsewhere showers developing during the day may become heavy.

Rain in northern Scotland will clear quickly and all parts will be bright. Dry at first, then showers developing in afternoon, thundery in the west. Eastern Scotland dry later.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England:** overcast, rain heavy at times, clearing in afternoon, brighter later. Winds light, southerly. Humid. Max 23-24C (73-75F).

☐ **W Midlands, Central N and NE England, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** rather cloudy, perhaps some patchy rain clearing later then bright. Winds light or moderate, southerly. Warm. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, N Ireland:** bright or sunny intervals and showers. Showers becoming heavy or thundery in places. Winds fresh or strong, southerly. Humid. Max 21-22C (70-72F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland:** overcast and wet, rain moving away then dry before more showers. Winds fresh or strong, southerly. Humid. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy with rain at first then clearer and mainly dry. Wind moderate or fresh, southerly. Warm. Max 14-16C (57-61F).

Outlook: sunshine and showers, most frequent and thundery in west.

☐ **Pollen:** low in all regions except Wales and southwest England (low to moderate); central southern England and Midlands (moderate)

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

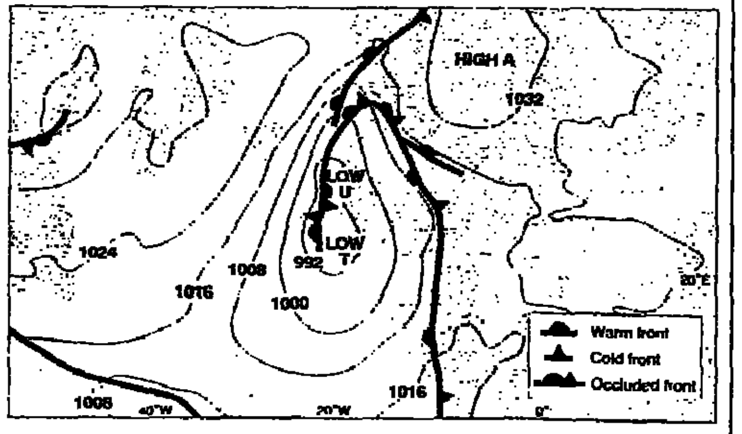
24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.6	0.24	17	63	r	Leuchars	3.2	0.05	20	68	sh
Anglesey	3.3	0.09	20	68	b	Littlehmptn	2.6	0.09	20	68	sh
Aspatria	5.8	0.01	21	70	b	London	3.8	0.03	26	79	b
Aviemore	2.7	0.01	19	66	c	Lowestoft	8.4	0.14	19	66	s
Belfast	3.9	0.28	18	64	c	Manchester	2.6	0.01	21	70	c
Birmingham	1.2	0.02	22	72	sh	Margate	9.9	0.25	26	79	r
Bognor R	3.3	0.04	20	68	b	Minehead	1.0	0.09	20	68	sh
Bournem'th	0.1	0.07	18	64	sh	Morecambe	3.4	-	21	70	b
Bristol	X					Newcastle	5.5	0.19	21	70	b
Buxton	0.9	0.03	18	64	du	Newquay	X				
Cardiff	0.2	0.07	17	63	r	Norwich	8.2	0.28	24	75	s
Clacton	7.4	0.20	16	61	s	Oxford	0.9	0.02	21	70	r
Cleethorpes	8.5	0.28	21	70	sh	Penzance	X				
Colwyn Bay	7.3	0.01	22	72	c	Poole	0.1	0.07	19	66	c
Cromer	8.2	0.13	24	75	s	Prestatyn	X	0.01	22	72	b
Dunbar	3.4	0.06	21	70	b	Ross-o-wye	1.0	0.20	19	66	r
Eastbourne	7.3	0.06	20	68	r	Ryde	X				
Edinburgh	X					Salcombe	0.1	0.28	18	64	c
Eskdalemuir	X					Sandown	X				
Exmouth	-	0.25	15	59	r	Saunton Snd	0.3	0.06	18	64	du
Falmouth	X					Scarboro'	4.1	0.07	20	68	sh
Fishguard	2.7	0.26	18	64	r	Shanklin	1.1	0.01	18	64	sh
Folkestone	9.8	0.01	25	77	s	Shrewsbury	2.0	0.01	19	66	r
Glasgow	3.3	0.18	21	70	sh	Skegness	6.5	0.24	21	70	s
Guernsey	1.9	0.08	20	68	sh	Southend	6.5	0.06	23	73	b
Hastings	7.3	0.02	20	68	sh	Southport	4.8	-	21	70	s
Hayling I	2.2	0.10	19	66	r	Southsea	X				
Herne Bay	8.5	0.07	27	81	s	Swanage	-	0.08	17	63	sh
Hove	5.4	0.02	21	70	b	Teignmouth	-	0.32	16	61	sh
Hunstanton	5.2	-	25	77	s	Tenby	2.2	0.54	16	61	r
Ilfracombe	X					Tiree	0.1	0.22	14	57	r
Isle of Man	4.2	0.16	17	63	b	Torquay	-	0.31	16	61	r
Jersey	2.4	0.09	24	75	r	Tynemouth	-	0.01	15	59	b
Kinloss	2.4	0.02	21	70	r	Ventnor	1.5	0.02	18	64	sh
Leeds	3.3	0.13	21	70	sh	West-s-mare	X				
Lerwick	0.5	0.04	13	55	r	Weymouth	0.3	0.11	18	64	sh

ABROAD

Ajaccio	22	72	f	Corfu	23	73	s	Majorca	24	75	s	Rome	19	66	r
Akrotiri	27	81	s	C'phagn	20	68	s	Malaga	21	70	c	S Fr'sco	20	68	s
Alex'dria	26	79	f	Dublin	15	59	f	Malta	24	75	f	S Paulo	17	63	d
Algiers	26	79	f	Dubrovnik	23	73	s	Melb'rne	17	63	f	Salzburg	25	77	f
Amst'dm	25	77	s	Faro	22	72	f	Mexico C	X			Santiago	13	55	f
Athens	25	77	s	Florence	23	73	r	Miami	30	86	s	Seoul	20	68	f
B Aires	17	63	c	Frankfurt	25	77	s	Milan	19	66	r	Sing'por	33	91	s
Bahrain	35	95	s	Funchal	23	73	c	Montreal	22	72	s	St'kholm	23	73	s
Bangkok	34	93	s	Geneva	21	70	f	Moscow	15	59	f	Strasb'rg	23	73	f
Barbados	30	86	c	Gibraltar	19	66	r	Munich	23	73	s	Sydney	20	68	s
Barcelona	24	75	f	Helsinki	16	61	s	N Delhi	33	91	s	Tangier	18	64	f
Beirut	26	79	s	Hong K	30	86	f	N York	21	70	s	Tel Aviv	32	90	s
Belgrade	24	75	f	Innsbrck	24	75	f	Nairobi	23	73	f	Tenerife	24	75	f
Berlin	23	73	s	Istanbul	23	73	s	Naples	25	77	c	Tokyo	26	79	s
Bermuda	27	81	f	Jeddah	38	100	s	Nice	17	63	r	Toronto	25	77	s
Biarritz	24	75	s	Jo'burg	15	59	s	Oslo	15	59	c	Tunis	27	81	f
Borde'x	23	73	f	L Angels	23	73	s	Paris	23	73	c	Valencia	23	73	f
Brussels	25	77	f	L Palmas	23	73	f	Peking	23	73	f	Vanc'ver	17	63	f
Budapst	22	72	f	Le Tquet	23	73	s	Perth	17	63	c	Venice	21	70	f
Cairo	33	91	s	Lisbon	20	68	c	Prague	22	72	s	Vienna	22	72	s
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Locarno	16	61	r	Reykjavik	9	48	s	Warsaw	21	70	f
Ch'church	11	52	X	Luxembg	23	73	s	Rhodes	26	79	s	Wash'ton	21	70	f
Chicago	22	72	s	Luxor	42	108	s	Rio de J	21	70	f	Wel'ngton	12	54	X
Cologne	25	77	s	Madrid	15	59	c	Riyadh	41	106	s	Zurich	23	73	s

Temperatures at midday local time on Thursday. X = not available



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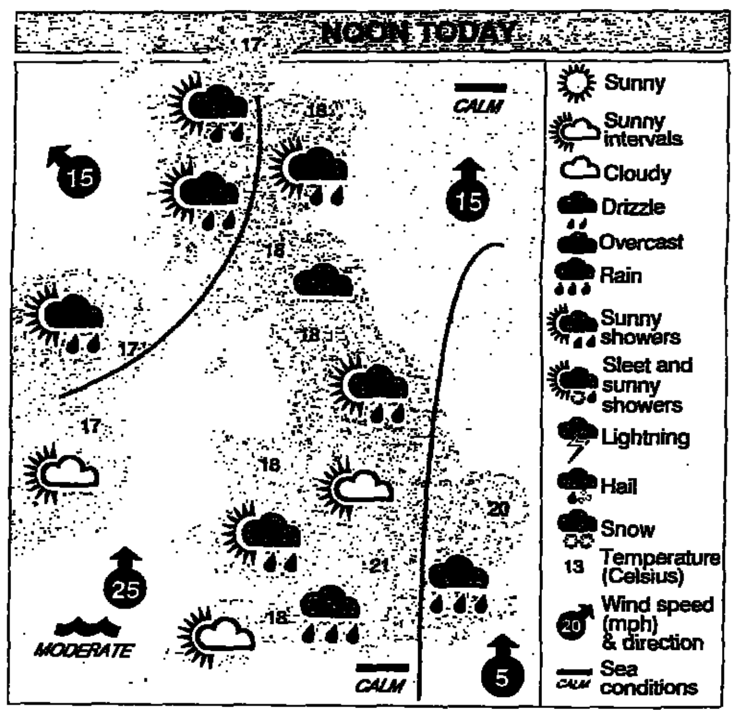

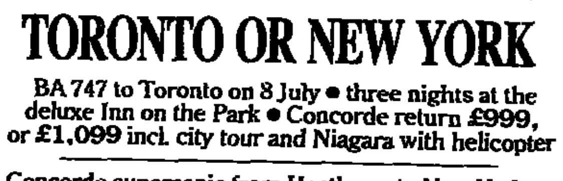

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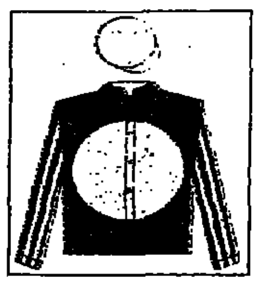

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C&W sells £726m stake in Hongkong Telecom

By Eric Reguly

CABLE AND WIRELESS has reached agreement with China over the future of Hongkong Telecom, selling a 5.5 per cent stake in the company for £726 million as a first step in reducing its controlling position.

Shares in C&W rose 15 per cent to a new high of 572p on news of the deal, struck just three weeks before the colony's handover. Shares of Hongkong Telecom, which was 59 per cent owned by C&W, hit record highs on Friday on speculation that an announcement was imminent.

C&W sold the Hongkong Telecom stake to China Telecom, the phone company controlled by Beijing's Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, for HK$14.25 a share, or a total of HK$9.2 billion.

Shares of Hongkong Telecom had climbed to more than HK$19 before the announcement, giving the appearance that C&W sold the stake at a discount to the market price. C&W denied selling the shares cheaply, noting that the transaction price was equal to the average price of the shares over the past 90 days.

The deal leaves C&W in control of Hongkong Telecom in the short term. But it also sets the framework for a series of sales that will probably see C&W's ownership fall to 30 per cent or less.

C&W, led by Dick Brown, its American chief executive, said it had agreed to transfer more Hongkong Telecom shares to China Telecom "in expectation of C&W and China Telecom becoming equal shareholders in Hongkong Telecom". It is not yet clear which company would control Hongkong Telecom at that point.

Morgan Stanley, the Wall Street investment bank, and China International Capital Corp, a joint venture between the Chinese Goverment and Morgan Stanley, acted as Beijing's advisers on the deal. Neither they nor C&W would reveal details, but it is understood that C&W will reduce its stake to about 30 per cent within the next year.

C&W said that, in effect, it is trading a reduced stake in Hongkong Telecom for better access to China, the fastest-growing and potentially largest phone market in the world. "We expect this partnership to deepen and develop further as new opportunities for investment in the China market are identified and quantified," he said. "The new ownership arrangements give C&W, Hongkong Telecom and China Telecom an enduring stake in each other's prosperity."

C&W said that HongKong Telecom, with China Telecom as a significant investor, will have better access to the Chinese market.

In addition, C&W has been given the right to invest in China Telecom (Hong Kong), the China Telecom business that was set up in Hong Kong to gain access to capital markets. China Telecom (Hong Kong) will develop telecoms businesses in both Hong Kong and China. It is expected that C&W's ownership in China Telecom (Hong Kong) will rise as its stake in Hongkong Telecom falls. Mr Brown was vague on any projects in which Hongkong Telecom and China Telecom (Hong Kong) would participate.

C&W has been under pressure from Beijing for some time to reduce its ownership in Hongkong Telecom before July 1, when the colony reverts to Chinese control. Mr Brown denied that the handover date imposed a deadline, leaving him little room to manoeuvre. "There is nothing that forced us to do this," he said.

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CBI to call for £3bn tax increase

By Philip Bassett and Alasdair Murray

THE Confederation of British Industry will call next week for a £3 billion rise in personal taxes, in an attempt to stave off further interest rate increases.

The CBI's move follows the Bank of England's decision yesterday to raise rates a quarter point, to 6.5 per cent.

On Tuesday, the CBI will launch its proposals for Labour's first Budget on July 2, concerned that the recovery is becoming unbalanced, with consumer spending growing rapidly while a strong pound erodes export orders.

The CBI is expected to argue that the Government could make Budget savings of up to £4 billion a year through better use of contracting-out of services and improved procurement. It will argue that tax rises can be made through restricting allowances and reliefs, pushing up the rate of VAT, or bringing in more "green" taxes. But the CBI will make a strong case against any changes in corporation or capital gains taxation.

Kate Barker, chief economic adviser to the CBI, criticised the Bank's decision to raise rates, claiming that short-term inflationary pressures are subdued. But the rate rise was largely well received, with analysts saying that it established the credibility of the monetary policy committee.

The FT-SE 100 closed up 68.8 points, at 4,645.0, as traders concluded that the Bank's decision, along with a tight Budget, could remove the need for further rate rises over the next 18 months. The market was also boosted by weaker than expected US employment data. Most City economists expect interest rates to rise to 7 per cent in the next few months. But they remain uncertain about the Bank's future strategy.

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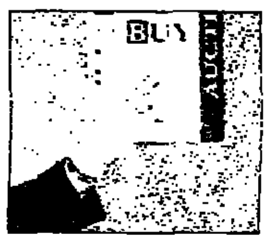

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Rank completes Xerox sale and outlines £250m share buyback

By Eric Reguly

RANK, the leisure and entertainment group, is to launch a £250 million share buyback after completing the sale yesterday of its remaining 20 per cent stake in Rank Xerox for about £1 billion.

Andrew Teare, chief executive, said that the buyback, the company's first, will probably begin in August. An extraordinary meeting will be held next month to approve the buyback. Rank shares rose 26p, to 448½ p, yesterday.

Xerox Corporation of America is to pay Rank £500 million up front for the Rank Xerox stake. Two instalments of £220 million each are to be paid on the first and second anniversaries of the sale. A third of up to £60 million, based on Rank Xerox's profits, will be paid in 2000. Mr Teare said: "I'm very pleased with the price and it is earlier than we expected. A big piece of historic baggage has been dealt with. This had to be dealt with before we moved forward. It didn't fit into our product portfolio and we didn't manage it."

Mr Teare said that the company will take a small book loss on the sale after discounting the future payments. Rank began selling its Rank Xerox shares in 1995, when it reduced its stake from 33 per cent to 20 per cent. Xerox paid £620 million for the shares.

The sale completes Rank's disposal programme, which has raised £800 million in the past eight months, excluding the Xerox sale, allowing the group to focus on its core leisure and entertainment businesses. These include bingo halls, casinos, Odeon cinemas and the Hard Rock cafés. The disposals have included Shearings, the coach operator, Rank Film Distributors, the film library which went to Carlton for £65 million, and Precision Industries, the engineering arm.

Mr Teare said the share buyback was proposed partly because "we certainly do not have the projects to consume all the cash at the moment".

This year Rank is spending some £400 million, part of a £1.5 billion expansion programme, to build more outlets across the portfolio. The programme will create 7,500 jobs. The Hard Rock cafés are also getting a makeover in the effort. The chain recently created a cable TV show and a record label.

Mr Teare said that acquisitions are unlikely.

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ADRIAN SHERRATT

Terry Leahy, left, watches as Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth checks out from Tesco

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FTSE 100	4645.0	(+68.8)
Yield	3.54%	
FTSE All share	2206.41	(+25.33)
Nikkei	20485.75	(-2.40)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7422.47	(+117.18)*
S&P Composite	855.91	(+12.48)*
US RATE		
Federal Funds	5⅝%*	(5½%)
Long Bond	97[illegible]*	(96[illegible])
Yield	6.82%*	(6.88%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth Interbank	6¹¹⁄₁₆%	(6⁹⁄₁₆%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	114⁷⁄₁₆	(113¹⁵⁄₃₂)
STERLING		
New York:		
$	1.6280*	(1.6345)
London:		
$	1.6275	(1.6309)
DM	2.8136	(2.8196)
FFr	9.4962	(9.5122)
SFr	2.3610	(2.3603)
Yen	187.75	(188.49)
£ Index	99.6	(99.7)
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.7290*	(1.7278)
FFr	5.8365*	(5.8305)
SFr	1.4530*	(1.4467)
Yen	115.27*	(115.65)
$ Index	103.0	(102.9)
Tokyo close Yen 115.79		
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Aug)	$18.35	($18.50)
GOLD		
London close	$344.55	($342.35)

* denotes midday trading price

Cazenove to deal for NU

CAZENOVE, the blue-blooded stockbroker, where private clients must have at least £250,000 of liquid assets, is expected to be named as one of the firms to offer the low-cost dealing service for Norwich Union shareholders (Caroline Merrell writes).

NU, due to float on June 16, is to make available to its three million shareholders an execution-only share dealing service with a charge for postal dealing of 0.5 per cent and a minimum charge of £5. Cazenove's own clients pay a minimum execution-only dealing charge of £25.

Norwich Union refused to say whether Cazenove was involved, but said a range of services were planned for NU shareholders. Norwich Union policyholders who want to buy discounted shares must have applications in by 2pm on Tuesday.

Sporting farewell as MacLaurin declares

By Sarah Cunningham

A LEADING City fund manager took the unusual step of paying tribute to Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth as he bade a farewell to shareholders yesterday, declaring after a 38-year innings with Tesco.

On a day on which everything seemed to go in the outgoing Tesco chairman's favour, he told shareholders that trading was strongly ahead and the shares rose 6p to 374p. Lord MacLaurin will now concentrate on heading the English Cricket Board, and his new charges responded by moving to an unassailable position in the first Test against Australia.

David Rough, director of investments at Legal and General, one of Tesco's main institutional shareholders, praised the departing opening bat at the annual meeting. He mentioned Lord MacLaurin's early sporting achievements, playing in the Chelsea FC youth team and captaining the England schoolboys' cricket team. "Tesco would have been worse off if he'd favoured a sporting career," he said, adding "and he'd probably be a lot worse off financially." Lord MacLaurin was paid £1.18 million by Tesco last year.

Lord MacLaurin, chairman for 12 years, said "I leave the company in very good hands and I have every confidence in the Tesco team to take the business further." As for cricket, he said his aim was "to introduce a few business principles". James Gardiner takes over as chairman, in a non-executive role, while day-to-day management is down to Terry Leahy, chief executive.

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Pru staff get free shares to retrain

By Marianne Curphey
Insurance Correspondent

PRUDENTIAL'S 5,500 direct sales staff will each receive free share options worth £500 if they successfully complete a retraining programme ordered by the chief City watchdog.

The total cost of rewarding each employee who passes the tough new proficiency test could be as high as £2.7 million, the brunt of which will be borne by Prudential policyholders.

Details of the controversial incentive scheme emerged yesterday as Prudential prepared to put its entire staff through retesting this summer after the Securities and Investment Board (SIB) criticised its training and compliance standards. After an inspection earlier this year SIB raised questions about sales of the Prudential Savings Account to non-taxpayers. This account earned sales staff commission when other products such as National Savings and tax-exempt special savings accounts (Tessas) would have been more suitable.

The free shares, which can be exercised in three years' time, are being made to staff to compensate for possible loss of earnings while they undergo the new tests. Their cost is in addition to the estimated £1 million spent on retraining. The free shares will be funded from profits in the with-profits life fund, with policyholders meeting 90 per cent of the bill and shareholders 10 per cent.

A spokesman for Prudential said: "It is not the fault of the sales staff that they have to take time off work for retesting, and that they might lose some earnings as a result. The payments are also an incentive for them to pass the test."

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Richer

Graham Smith, chief executive of Goldsborough Healthcare, will be £2 million richer after yesterday's £76.7 million agreed bid from Bupa, the private healthcare provider. **Page 28**

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Bupa agrees £76m deal for nursing homes group

By Marianne Curphey

GRAHAM SMITH, chief executive of Goldsborough Healthcare, will be £2 million richer after yesterday's £76.7 million agreed bid from Bupa, the private healthcare provider.

Bupa is to pay a 40 per cent premium for the Leeds-based Goldsborough, which specialises in nursing homes and which last year fought off a hostile takeover bid from its rival, Westminster Health Care. The cash offer from Bupa values Goldsborough shares at 175p apiece, compared with Thursday night's closing price of 126p.

The purchase is part of Bupa's plan to diversify and access a broader range of healthcare delivery and services as the medical insurance market becomes increasingly competitive. Bupa, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, has 45 per cent of the private healthcare market. At its peak in the 1970s it controlled 75 per cent.

If the recommended deal is accepted by shareholders, Bupa will increase its hospital total to 35 and its nursing homes to 76 from 44. Peter Jacobs, chief executive, said: "This deal is entirely within our development strategy, which is to get into a broader range of healthcare delivery."

The purchase comes days after Bupa acquired 14 nursing homes from Community Hospitals Group, the healthcare company, for £34 million.

Mr Smith, who has a 3 per cent stake in Goldsborough, said yesterday: "If shareholders had accepted the Westminster offer shares would be worth 128p now. Instead we have a very good deal."

Mr Jacobs said: "We are perfectly happy with the price we are paying, and we do not believe that we have paid an enormous premium as the business has great growth potential."

Mr Jacobs added that the six hospitals owned by Goldsborough fitted well with its existing geographical spread and he was looking to make further acquisitions although none was in the pipeline yet.

Bupa made a surplus before tax of £88.9 million in 1996 and had a capital and reserves total of £638.8 million.

Goldsborough shareholders will be entitled to retain the interim dividend of 1.4p net per share proposed for payment on July 21.

BTR sells Dunlop Cox to Lear

By George Sivell

SHARES in BTR, the engineering conglomerate, fell another 5p to 188½p, the lowest since 1990, after announcing the sale of Dunlop Cox to Lear Corporation for £36 million.

Dunlop Cox designs and makes manual and electrically powered automotive seat mechanisms. In the year to end December Dunlop Cox generated sales of £25 million. Lear Corporation is one of the world's largest manufacturers of car seats.

Ian Strachan, chief executive of BTR, said: "Many sectors of the automotive components industry are consolidating as the automotive manufacturers standardise vehicle designs internationally and seek to source parts on a global basis."

He added that under Lear's ownership, Dunlop Cox would be in a stronger position to pursue opportunities for growth.

BTR would also be able to release management and capital resources to concentrate on further development worldwide.

Graeme Thomson, left, and Oliver Waldron are targeting Turkmenistan and Thailand

Eurotunnel rebel meets bankers

By Jason Nissé

SOPHIE L'HÉLIAS, the leader of the dissident shareholders in Eurotunnel hoping to block its £4.4 billion refinancing deal, has met members of the bank steering committee in the hope of brokering a deal to save the refinancing.

Ms L'Hélias, of Franklin Global Investor Services, is supported by a group of institutional shareholders. She is also in contact with two private shareholder groups and says they control at least the 33 per cent of votes needed to block the deal at next month's shareholder meeting. The shareholders say that the refinancing does not go far enough and want the banks to write off 25 per cent of their debts. They also want to be able to block any further restructuring proposals.

"What is clear is that this restructuring will not be enough," said Ms L'Hélias. "But the banks will dilute the shareholders enough so that they can push through any proposals without opposition next time."

Ms L'Hélias put her case to Patrick Ponsolle, joint chairman of Eurotunnel, three weeks ago.

She says the restructuring document does not show her concerns.

Dragon Oil cash call for £65m

DRAGON OIL, the exploration and production company, is raising around £65 million through a three-for-five rights issue at 2p a share (George Sivell writes).

The money will fund drilling and more development offshore in Turkmenistan, and an appraisal, with Texaco, of a Thai gas discovery.

Dragon, where Oliver Waldron is deputy chairman and chief executive and Graeme Thomson is finance director, revealed a loss before tax of $414,000 (loss £1.5 million) for the year to December 31. Earnings were 0.01 cents (0.07 cents loss) a share.

Again there is no dividend. The shares fell from 3¾p to 3¼p.

Rowland to forsake unlimited liability

By Jon Ashworth

HUNDREDS of Lloyd's names turned up at the annual meeting yesterday to be told unlimited liability is dead.

Sir David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, told the meeting that he would join the exodus away from traditional underwriting, under which names are personally liable for their losses at Lloyd's, after he retires. He intends to switch into one of the limited liability companies that dominate the new-look Lloyd's.

Sir David said: "Unlimited personal liability has been shown to mean exactly what it says. I no longer believe that the substantial advantages of that method should blind us to its possible consequences for the individual."

Names arriving at London's Barbican Centre were met by protesters brandishing banners bearing slogans such as: "Lloyd's is licensed to steal", and "Lloyd's means fraud". Sally Noel, the former Sixties model who led the protest, was drowned out by a slow handclap when she attempted to disrupt the meeting.

Ron Sandler, chief executive of Lloyd's, told the meeting that profits for 1994 were likely to be paid by the end of next month. Lloyd's is pressing on with legal action aimed at recovering £630 million from names who have not settled up under the reconstruction and renewal (R&R) plan.

About 1,500 names owing more than £400 million have refused to accept the R&R settlement. A further 1,700 owing just under £200 million have accepted, but have yet to settle. Mr Sandler said: "We have no choice but to take all legal steps available to us to recover these debts, and this we are doing with absolute determination."

Debt recoveries will not be required to plug any financial gap at Equitas, the company formed to reinsure Lloyd's 1992 and prior-year debts. Equitas will be fully funded by the end of this month, and debt recoveries will be used to reduce outstanding bank loans. Lloyd's took on a facility of £292 million from a syndicate of banks as part of the R&R programme.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Jobless setback for German economy

GERMANY'S efforts to get fit for the single European currency suffered another blow as unemployment went up again. The seasonally adjusted jobless total for May rose 56,000, to 4.36 million. The Federal Labour Office said yesterday that the Government's target figure of 3.95 million jobless for 1997 "is no longer attainable".

Otmar Issing, chief economist of the Bundesbank, called the jobs figures "more than disappointing". The economy was not growing fast enough to revive Germany's employment prospects, he said. Higher unemployment could force Bonn to spend more than expected on jobless benefits at a time when it already expects a DM18 billion shortfall in tax revenue. Earlier this year unemployment rose above 4 million for the first time since 1933. Stephen James, a HSBC James Capel economist, said: "It is now increasingly clear that Theo Waigel [Finance Minister] will be unable to bring Germany's budget deficit down to 3 per cent of GDP this year."

Ex-Lands executives quit

THE Bourne brothers, Graham and Robert, are resigning from the board of Ex-Lands after a proposed reverse takeover of the property group by Marylebone Warwick Balfour Group, the residential developer backing the Mount Vernon development in Hampstead, north London, and warehouse conversions in Docklands. Ex-Lands, which last year demerged its golf club interests into Clubhaus, is making a £21.1 million offer for MWB plus a £5 million rights issue at 17.5p.

Park Foods optimistic

PARK FOODS, the Christmas hamper company, expects to see profits from its first venture into food manufacturing, DJ Spuddles flavoured french fries, begin to arrive this year. The chips have had "a good reception in the market place", Peter Johnson, chairman, said yesterday. In the year to March 31 pre-tax profits were £9.6 million (£9.5 million). Earnings per share were 4.1p (3.89p) and a maintained final dividend of 1.88p, due on September 1, gives an unchanged total of 2.98p.

Kohl backs Eurofighter

HELMUT KOHL, the German Chancellor, told Tony Blair on his visit to Germany yesterday that he continues to believe the Eurofighter is needed and wants a decision soon. A British official said the Prime Minister was "extremely pleased" with Herr Kohl's comments, which could signal an end to the funding hold-up. The £45 billion fighter aircraft is the biggest European industrial project and thousands of jobs at British Aerospace and at sub-contractors depend on a go-ahead.

Thames looks to Jakarta

THAMES WATER is to put £44 million into a 25-year water supply scheme for Jakarta. The Indonesian project, in which Thames is participating as a 70 per cent shareholder in a consortium, will involve no construction work. Thames rationalised its international operations after losing heavily in overseas projects that included building work. The Jakarta programme is expected to deliver turnover of £57 million a year in the first five years growing to £200 million a year later on.

Seagate jobs to double

SEAGATE, the leading data storage technology company, is to more than double its workforce in Northern Ireland in a £149 million expansion. The company already employs around 1,000 staff at the plant in Springtown, Derry, which produces 20 per cent of the world's magnetic recording head wafers for computer disk drives. Northern Ireland's Industrial Development Board is contributing almost £40 million towards the cost of the new fabrication plant.

Ann Street sales up 12%

ANN STREET, the brewery whose shares trade on the Alternative Investment Market, raised pre-tax profits by 22 per cent, to £7.5 million, in the year to January 26, on sales up 12 per cent to £86 million. Earnings rose 28 per cent, to 49.32p, out of which total dividends rise 11 per cent to 20.5p. The final dividend rises from 13.52p to 14.5p. Debts fell from 54 to 39 per cent of shareholders' funds. The group operates in the United Kingdom, Jersey, Guernsey and France.

Powderject raises £35m

By Paul Durman

POWDERJECT Pharmaceuticals, which has developed a way of injecting drugs without using a needle, has been valued at £109.3 million by a share placing that raised £35 million for the Oxford company.

Powderject's advisers said that demand from institutional investors had significantly exceeded the 18.9 million shares available. Stock market dealings in the shares, which were priced at 185p, should begin in ten days.

The flotation gives Paul Drayson, chairman and chief executive, a paper fortune of £15.7 million. Brian Bellhouse, research director, will have a stake worth £7.8 million. Directors and senior management will own about 22.9 per cent of the company.

The Powderject system uses a gas capsule to create a supersonic shockwave that carries a powdered form of a drug into the body. The need for full clinical trials means the Powderject device is not expected to be available until late 2000.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.23	2.07
Austria Sch	20.72	19.17
Belgium Fr	60.97	56.33
Canada $	2.359	2.184
Cyprus Cyp£	0.878	0.811
Denmark Kr	11.25	10.42
Finland Mkk	8.96	8.26
France Fr	9.92	9.20
Germany Dm	2.97	2.74
Greece Dr	473	436
Hong Kong $	13.30	12.17
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.14	1.06
Israel Shk	5.87	5.22
Italy Lira	2930	2708
Japan Yen	201.80	185.40
Malta	0.680	0.604
Netherlds Gld	3.344	3.066
New Zealand $	2.51	2.28
Norway Kr	12.21	11.33
Portugal Esc	295.50	275.00
S Africa Rd	7.98	7.05
Spain Pta	248.50	231.00
Sweden Kr	13.37	12.34
Switzerland Fr	2.50	2.30
Turkey Lira	241820	223275
USA $	1.720	1.587

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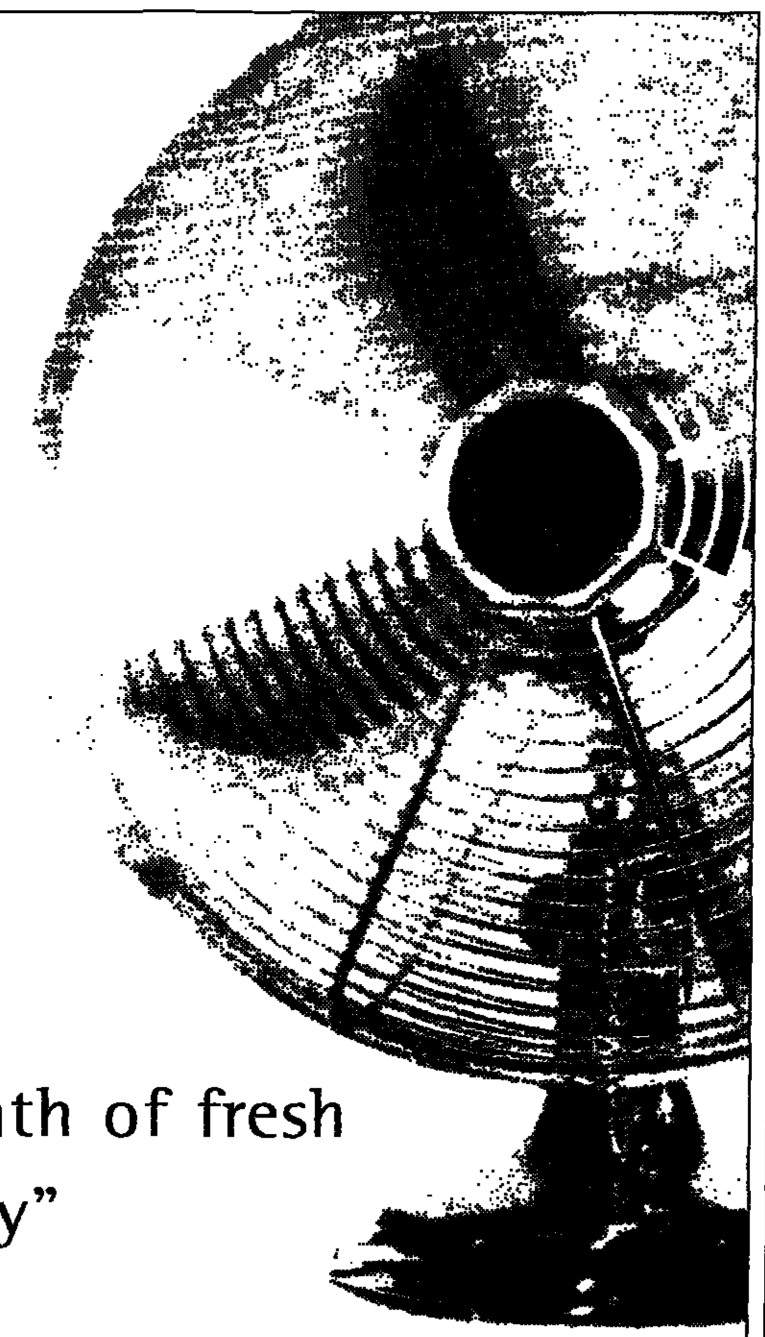

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A WORKING WEEK FOR: BRENDAN GUILFOYLE

Expert who tackles problems great and small

Tattooed roofers. Big liquidations. Or tea with a minister. **Jason Nissé** meets an insolvency adviser who can take anything in his stride

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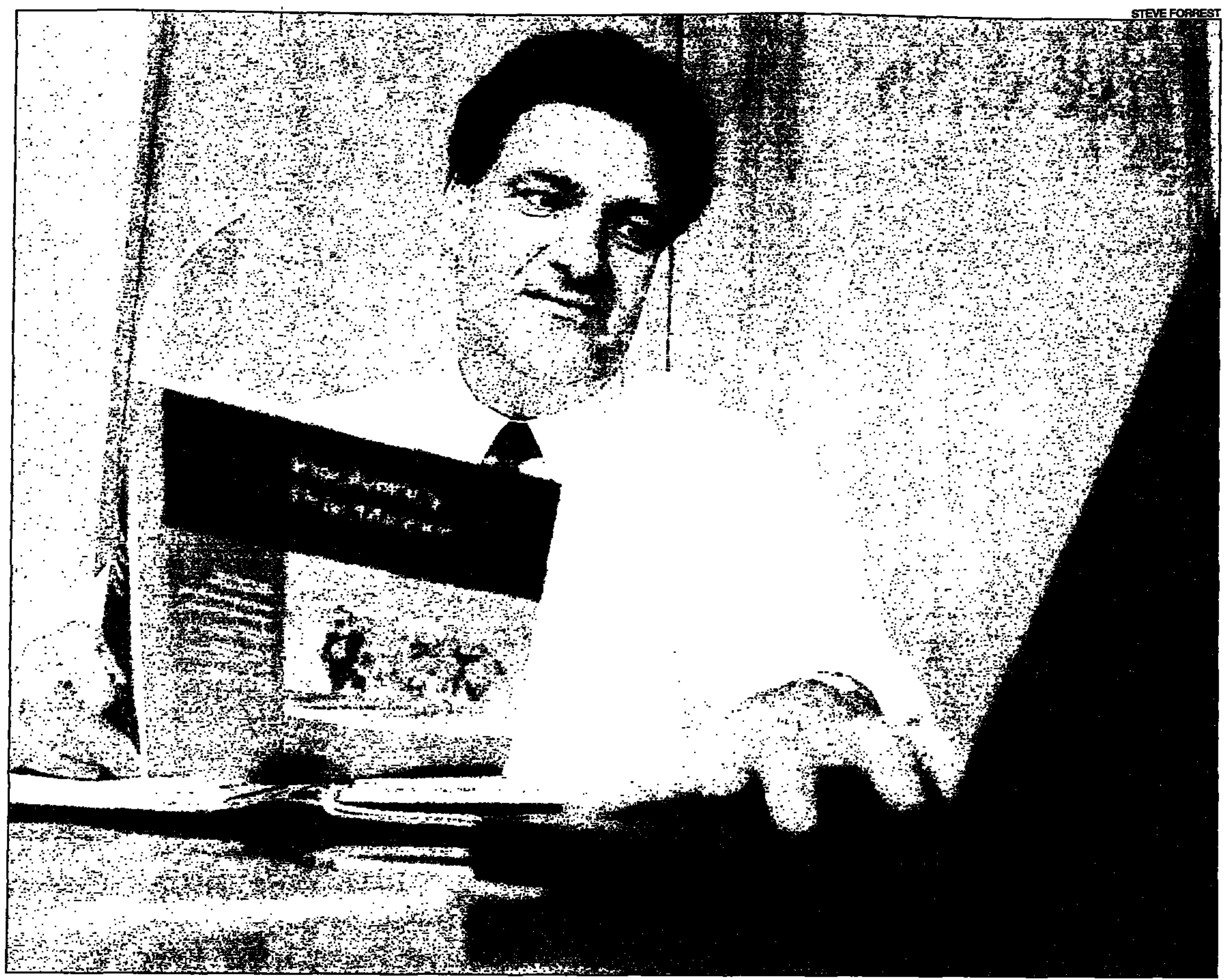

STEVE FORREST

Brendan Guilfoyle found the cut and thrust of City auditing a little stifling and decided to move to the North of England for the quality of life

THE archives of the *Bromley and Kentish Times* from 1975 boast a photograph of a fresh-faced 21-year-old, resplendent in an ill-fitting suit and sporting a worryingly bushy mid-Seventies haircut. Close inspection reveals it to be Brendan Guilfoyle, the recently elected president of the Society of Practitioners in Insolvency (SPI), who was then a newly qualified accountant at the now forgotten City firm of Allen, Baldrey, Holman and Best.

Guilfoyle recalls: "My father — who was a crane driver from Ireland — was peeved to see all those pictures of people who had passed their accountancy exams, who he thought looked rather ageing, in the paper. He came out of the pub one day and decided to go into the office and tell them, in no uncertain terms, that he had a son who was 21 and a chartered accountant. I think he claimed that I was the youngest accountant in England, which probably wasn't true. Anyway, they came and took my photo and wrote a little article about me."

Guilfoyle, though, found the cut and thrust of City auditing a little bit stifling. During his first week at the firm he was told how he should act if he came across a partner in the firm of accountants walking down the corridor. "You are to avert your eyes to the wainscoting" Guilfoyle was told. He nodded understandingly. And then when he came home that evening he asked his mother what "wainscoting" was.

> ❛ One of six children, father of nine, Christmas is like feeding the 5,000 ❜

His fiancée, Veronica, was the daughter of Bob Hellyer, one of the founders of the Insolvency Practitioners Association that now forms part of the SPI, and he introduced Guilfoyle to the legendary liquidator Bernard Phillips, (father of Peter Phillips of Buchler Phillips, the liquidator carpeted by MPs over its work on the Maxwell empire).

Soon Guilfoyle joined Bernard Phillips & Co. but a year later he moved from Bromley to Leeds for the "quality of life", leaving Phillips for a small firm. He briefly rejoined the Manchester office of Phillips when it was taken over by Arthur Andersen, but left again in 1983 to return to Leeds and join the nascent insolvency practice of Geoffrey Martin & Co.

Having become, as he admits, an honorary Yorkshireman he was the first representative of the SPI's Yorkshire region. After a number of committee posts in the liquidators' trade body he became, a couple of months ago, the first partner in a small regional firm to become president, succeeding the loquacious Gordon Stewart of Allen & Overy, the firm of lawyers, who is known in the industry as a leading authority on Fantasy Football.

The contrast between the life of a small insolvency practitioner in Leeds and that of the president of the professional association throws up a fascinating working week for Brendan Guilfoyle. In the week that *The Times* had been to see him, he had spent the first couple of days sorting out the problems of a roofing contractor in Shipley, near Bradford.

The roofer had run up heavy debts and an unlicensed insolvency adviser had suggested that he attempt an individual's voluntary arrangement with his creditors to avoid bankruptcy. Sensibly, he decided to go to Guilfoyle, but the Inland Revenue objected to the deal and the Customs and Excise sent in bailiffs to the roofer's home.

Guilfoyle received an anguished call from the roofer's eight-month-pregnant wife. He called the roofer on his mobile phone and told him to come to his office. The roofer arrived in his overalls, sleeves rolled up to reveal tattooed arms. Guilfoyle helped the roofer to fill out the forms to have himself immediately declared bankrupt and get a protection order on his assets. "Of course, he had no money to pay us, so I ended up doing the work *pro bono*," says Guilfoyle.

The next day he was at a large engineering company in south Yorkshire that had collapsed. The business had been sold to a management buyout and Guilfoyle was asked to deal with the liquidation. He sat down with the directors, over lunch in their boardroom, to sort out the details. Unusually in an increasingly specialist profession, Guilfoyle deals with the whole gamut of insolvency, from personal bankruptcies to large liquidations.

The worst case he has had to tackle involved a couple in business together running an off-licence in Bradford. When it failed the pair were made bankrupt. Not only was their house repossessed, but they could not find anywhere to rent as they could not obtain a bank reference. Guilfoyle put them in touch with a person in Hull who finds properties for people who have been made bankrupt.

The largest company he has handled was Sunseeker Leisure, the tour operator that collapsed with debts of £10 million. At the request of Hammond Suddards, the Leeds-based law firm, he was due to liquidate Facia, Stephen Hinchliffe's retailing group that went under a year ago with debts of more than £100 million.

But at the creditors' meeting he was voted off the ticket by Sears, the largest creditor, and he stood down in favour of BDO Stoy Hayward.

"It would have been the largest and most high-profile insolvency I had ever dealt with," says Guilfoyle. "They had looked for someone who hadn't previously had any connection with Hinchliffe and was beyond reproach. I relished the challenge."

On the Thursday he took the train to London to visit Peter Joyce, the head of the Insolvency Service, the government body that deals with many compulsory liquidations. When Guilfoyle turned up he was told that Nigel Griffiths, Minister of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, had arrived to meet Joyce. Joyce thought it would be useful for Guilfoyle to meet the new minister as well. So just 48 hours after advising a tattooed roofer on how to avoid having his TV set repossessed, he was taking tea with a newly elected minister.

Guilfoyle reckons he has to spend up to two days a week in London. When he travels down he stays with his mother in Bromley. "It's really nice to spend time with my mum," he says. "But when I am in London I go back to that life of being a commuter, catching the train into central London every morning, and I think: 'Aren't I lucky to live in the North with the quality of life I have up there'."

In Leeds his day starts with the school run. Guilfoyle, one of six children, is the father of nine, ranging from the youngest, just one, to the eldest, a son who turned 18 last year and is currently travelling round the world on his "gap" year. "Christmas in our family is like the feeding of the 5,000," he laughs.

Most of the children attend schools in central Leeds, while Guilfoyle lives in the leafy suburb of Bramhope. The school run is quite a social event. Many of the leading lights of Leeds business and professional life have children attending the same schools and contacts are often made at the school gate.

Guilfoyle is not a member of a golf club. "With nine children you don't have time for hobbies," he says. "I spend most of my free time ferrying children here or there."

Guilfoyle believes that Leeds is the ideal place to be for doing business in the North of England. Increasingly, professional and financial firms are locating there rather than Manchester, as has been shown by the success of the Leeds-based law firms such as Hammond Suddards and Dibb Lupton Alsop. Even so Guilfoyle finds Leeds a small, friendly and diverse place to work.

The only thing he misses from London is going to watch Tottenham Hotspur, the team that he has supported since his father took him to see Danny Blanchflower going through his paces in 1960. "They play in Leeds and Sheffield occasionally and I say to my wife 'I think I'll pop down'," Guilfoyle says. "But then my wife puts her foot down and says: 'Oh no you don't.' "

He might be president of the SPI. But there is only one boss in the Guilfoyle household.

Liffe story

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

AHEAD of yesterday evening's splendid celebrations at Syon House to celebrate the 15th anniversary of Liffe, the futures market has published its official history. The writer, City historian David Kynaston, has gone back to the 1848 grain trading at the Chicago Board of Trade, the precursor to Liffe and other such markets. I asked him what was the most interesting area to research. "Definitely the Bund contract," he replies, referring to the introduction of trading in German government bonds.

More amusing, perhaps, were the occasions in 1986 when Liffe opened its doors to a couple of TV programme-makers. The results were not good, for futures trading and the City as a whole. Viewers were repelled by the chaos of the dealing floor and the barrow-boy triumphalism of some of the participants. The estimable Nancy Banks-Smith in *The Guardian* summed up best the experience of trading at Liffe: "It was like being a dog biscuit in Battersea."

● *SALLY NOEL, the veteran Lloyd's campaigner, was in full cry at yesterday's annual meeting of Lloyd's names — but found herself curiously caught up in events elsewhere. On the same day, an obituary in* The Independent *of Ronnie Lane, the Sixties pop star, included a photograph of members of the Small Faces posing with a demure-looking model . . . a very youthful-looking Sally Noel.*

"The seagull follows the trawler, happy that he has no Eurotunnel shares"

On the rebound

I HEAR that Robin Launders, ousted rather abruptly last month as managing director of the Premiership's nil-nil specialists Leeds United, is close to finding a new berth. He is in talks about taking the job of chief executive at the International Football Hall of Fame, the new exhibition to be based in Manchester. This is nothing to do with the World Football Hall of Fame, a similar project based in the Trocadero and funded by a flotation on AIM. Nor yet the International Football Hall of Champions, being set up in Paris to coincide with next year's World Cup. Launders will have his work cut out making sure people know the difference. And as Leeds fans can testify, he doesn't know a lot about entertainment.

Triple peaks

JOHN THEAKSTON, chief executive of housebuilder Swan Hill, intends a 40,000-ft mountain climb and is next week writing to possible corporate sponsors suggesting a rate of 1p per foot. The sharper-witted among you will note that there are no mountains above 30,000 feet on the planet. Theakston and three other fortysomethings are climbing Mont Blanc, starting in July, Ben Nevis and Kilimanjaro. I wish him the best of luck but fear the omens are not good — as part of his training, he has already fallen off his bicycle in Richmond Park and spent a week in the West Middlesex Hospital.

● *IN THE fine tradition of obsessive English hobbyists, Mike Lloyd, otherwise known as Pallas Pictures, is the owner of some 700 video tapes, 250 hours' worth, of the Royal Family on holiday. "I shot everything myself over the past ten years," said the Guildford man proudly, having followed the quarrelsome House of Windsor to the ends of the Earth with his minicam. Lloyd has set the price of the collection at a royal £500,000 — which may explain why he has received just one offer, and turned it down, more than two months ago. Lloyd admits that at this price he doesn't expect many bids from the private sector."Maybe the BBC will read this," he says.*

Academy award

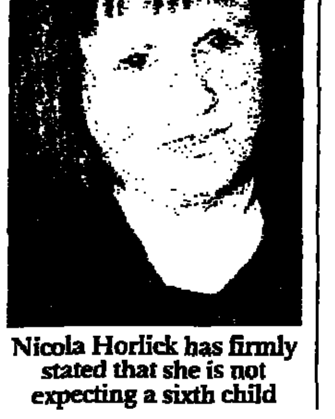
TWO British professors have been elected fellows of the prestigious American Academy of Management, the first Brits to be awarded such an honour. Actually, one is only half-British, because it is our old friend Cary Cooper, who has dual nationality — with a name like that, he has to have been born in Hollywood — but has spent almost all of his academic career here. He is currently (deep breath) Professor of Organisational Psychology at Manchester School of Management at UMIST.

The second is Andrew Pettigrew, Professor of Organisational Behaviour at Warwick Business School. There are only a hundred or so fellows on the planet, and promotion is strictly by dead men's shoes. Says Cooper: "It's a recognition that it's done somewhere else than America."

Baby blues

I HATE to be the one to scotch one of the Square Mile's best stories now doing the rounds, but it is simply not true. Somebody, and the epicentre of the gossip seems to be some old friends of hers at Morgan Grenfell, is putting it about that Nicola Horlick is expecting another child. Horlick herself is not best pleased. She is due to start at Société Générale in nine days' time. I rang her about the stories. "If it's in connection with a rumour that's circulating around the City that I'm pregnant with a sixth child, then you can be assured that's absolutely, categorically untrue, and I don't know who is running around saying that," she says firmly.

MARTIN WALLER



Nicola Horlick has firmly stated that she is not expecting a sixth child

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Investors celebrate rate rise with 68-point gain

INTEREST rates rose yesterday for the second time this year and the City liked it. The quarter-point rise to 6.5 per cent, initiated by the Governor of the Bank of England's new monetary policy committee, was seen as the right move by investors. There had been fears that a rise would be postponed until after next month's Budget and that would have created further uncertainty.

Both equities and government securities enjoyed a fresh burst of activity to end the week on a positive note.

Wall Street also came up trumps, shrugging off the lowest employment numbers since 1973 for the Dow Jones industrial average to score an early 100-point plus lead.

The FT-SE 100 index closed at its best of the day, with a rise of 68.8 to 4,645.0, a rise on the week of 23.7. A total of 915.8 million shares changed hands yesterday.

Richard Jeffrey, senior economist at Charterhouse, the merchant bank, said the rise was needed. To put it off would have been a mistake. But he warned clients: "The market is living under the threat of much more aggressive rises later in the year. The US seems quite determined to ignore all the potentially bad news in the economy".

Cable and Wireless was the best performer among the top 100 companies after selling 5.5 per cent of its Hongkong Telecom subsidiary to China Telcom for £726 million. Brokers said the deal opens up the mainland Chinese telecom market to C&W. The shares finished 74½p, or almost 15 per cent, higher at 572p.

The financial sector was again leading the rest of the market higher, with a fresh burst of bid speculation adding to the spice. **Abbey National** continued to build on this week's lead with a further rise of 16p at 859½p.

This follows claims that talks with NatWest Bank may be back on again. Earlier this week Abbey National's Peter Birch said the company had no intention of merging with NatWest, or anyone else for that matter. However, the story continues to do the rounds. Other brokers are even suggesting that the **Prudential**, up 8p at 635½p, may choose to launch a bid for Abbey. Some followers of the banking sector are pinning their hopes on a bid emerging from HSBC, owner of the Midland Bank chain, and Britain's biggest banking group by a long way.

Lord Tugendhat, the chairman of Abbey National, and Peter Birch saw the shares rise 16p on takeover talk

Analysts say HSBC would love to buy Abbey, which would fit well and strengthen certain parts of its retail operation. Even **NatWest**, up 43½p at 780½p, is seen as vulnerable to a bid. Others to gain ground included **Barclays**, 16½p to £11.77, **Lloyds TSB**, 13p to 601½p, **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 23p to 624p, **Standard Chartered**, 7½p to 939½p, and **Alliance & Leicester**, 2p to 604½p. **Halifax**, this week's newcomer, rose 6p to 735½p. **Lasmo** rose a further 16p to 275p as brokers continue to reflect on the group's successful acquisition of oilfields in Venezuela. This stretches the rise on the week to 29p and virtually guarantees the group will remain a constituent of the top 100 companies.

Rank Group jumped 26p to 448½p after finally confirming plans to sell its remaining 20 per cent stake in Rank Xerox to Xerox Corporation for £1 billion. Rank intends to use part of the proceeds to buy back £250 million worth of its own shares, reduce debt and invest in its leisure and entertainment divisions.

But **BTR** suffered a relapse, falling 5p to 188½p, its lowest level for six years. Last week the shares were hit by a profits warning.

Goldsborough Health soared 46½p to 172½p in response to the agreed bid from Bupa, the private healthcare provider. Bupa is offering 175p a share, valuing Goldsborough at £76.7 million. Last night Bupa snapped up 11.45 million Goldsborough shares (29.4 per cent) at 173p.

Bass was a flat market, falling 19p to 754p. Merrill Lynch has cut its profit forecast for the current year by £6 million to £722 million and by £12 million to £778 million next time round.

A profits setback and overnight selling in Canada left **Ashurst Technology** 7½p lower at 47½p, while growing losses at **Rodime** clipped the shares ½p to 1¾p.

FKI firmed 4p to 179p ahead of results next week. Mercury Asset Management has topped up its holding with 5.19 million shares, raising its total holding to 90.6 million, or 16 per cent. Brokers like NatWest Securities are forecasting a near 30 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £116 million.

Bid speculation pushed **Essex Furniture** 5p higher to 78½p. Speculators are talking of an offer from **DFS Furniture**, its bigger rival, unchanged at 607½p, valuing Essex at about £9 million.

The successful conclusion to the "fat cats" dispute between the Government and Camelot brought relief to some of its shareholders. **Cadbury Schweppes** put on 10p at 530½p, and **Racal Electronics** finished just 1½p cheaper at 227½p. But there was little relief for **De La Rue**, 7½p off at 384p, which weighed in with some dismal profits news earlier in the week.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** There was a further flattening of the yield curve as the longer end of the market responded positively to the latest rise in base rates.

Prices closed near their best of the day, supported by rumours that the deadline for meeting the single currency criteria had been delayed.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt put on £²¹⁄₃₂ to £114¹⁄₁₆ as the total number of contracts completed reached 69,000.

Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose £²⁷⁄₃₂ to £109¹⁄₃₂, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was just three ticks firmer at £103⁵⁄₃₂.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Blue chips leapt by well over 100 points as investors shrugged off a government unemployment report that gave conflicting signals about the strength of the labour market last month. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 117.18 ahead at 7,422.47.

Speculative buying continued to push Shield Diagnostics higher. ***The price touched 627½p before closing 25p dearer at 595p, stretching the gain on the week to 185p. Talk of a bid persists after the shares fell from a peak of 805p this year. UBS, the group's new broker, publishes a major review on Monday.***

MOVERS OF THE WEEK

	Current price	Week's change	
J David Sports	250p	-80p	Sales warning
Grampian Television	310½p	+47p	Scottish Media bid talks
Shield Diagnostics	595p	+185p	Speculative buying
TLS	135p	+35½p	Bid approach
Cater Allen	557½	+121p	Bid approach
Frost Group	96½p	-23½p	Profits warning
Blick	245p	-37½p	Profits warning
Tunstall	149p	-35p	Profits warning
Lasmo	275p	+29½p	Venezuela oil deal

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 7422.47 (+117.18)
S&P Composite 855.91 (+12.48)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 20485.75 (-2.40)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 14655.13 (-140.39)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 824.43 (+3.74)

Sydney:
AO 2600.9 (-3.3)

Frankfurt:
DAX 3695.29 (+22.36)

Singapore:
Straits 2032.30 (-11.41)

Brussels:
General 13159.14 (+28.40)

Paris:
CAC-40 2719.25 (+28.40)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 1116.20 (+14.20)

London:
FT 30 2983.5 (+31.2)
FTSE 100 4645.0 (+68.8)
FTSE 250 4473.2 (+7.3)
FTSE 350 2247.9 (+27.6)
FTSE Eurotrack 100 2376.85 (+7.98)
FTSE All-Share 2206.41 (+25.33)
FTSE Non Financials 2224.48 (+23.41)
FTSE Fixed Interest 120.80 (+0.16)
FTSE Govt Secs 96.51 (+0.15)
Bargains 46141
SEAQ Volume 915.3m
US$ 1.6275 (-0.0031)
German Mark 2.8143 (-0.0052)
Exchange Index 99.6 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
E:ECU 1.4370
E:SDR 1.1765
RPI 156.3 Apr (2.4%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX 155.8 Apr (2.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Alliance & Leicester	604½	+ 2
Aston Villa	810	- 15
Cable & Wireless	263	- ½
Caradon B	99½	...
Downing Hlth (100)	100	...
Eagles	35	...
Gallaher	281	+ 5½
Halifax	735½	+ 6
Heart of Midlothian	111½	+ 2
ITG Group	156½	- 1
Integrated As Mgt	125	...
Lady in Leisure	124½	...
Longbridge Intl	117½	...
NMT (50)	48½	...
Newmark Tech	12¼	...
Pennine AIM (100)	100	...
Petra Diamonds	67½	+ 2
Petra Diamonds Wts	52½	+ 3
Qualceram (143)	150	...
SBS Group	120	+ 2½
Soccer Investments	102½	- 2
Topps Tiles	111½	...
Versalite Group	3½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Pillar Props n/p (205)	16½	...
Tadpole Tech n/p (10)	1	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Cable Wireless	572p (+74½p)
West Healthcare	253½p (+15p)
LASMO	275p (+16p)
Rank Gp	448½p (+26p)
LucasVarity	192p (+10p)
DCS Gp	290p (+15p)
Jarvis	290½p (+15p)
Shield Diag	595p (+25p)
Cadbury-Schw	530½p (+10p)
Com Union	701½p (+29p)
Psion	468p (+16½p)

FALLS:

Lorien	325p (-27½p)
Denby Gp	209p (-13½p)
Cairn Energy	492½p (-24p)
Hutch Whamp	486p (-14½p)
Bass	754p (-19p)
Tilbury Dougls	750p (-12½p)
Railtrack	647½p (-10½p)
Watts Blake	442½p (-12½p)

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TEMPUS

Bad for business

THE Bank of England has given another kick to manufacturers. The first blow was felt when the Bank was freed of its shackles and we are now faced with an institution keen to tighten the screw further. If the Chancellor fails to raise taxes in July, we could be heading towards base rates of 7.5 per cent.

This Government looks bad for businesses that make things and sell them abroad. Real interest rates of 4.5 per cent are reminiscent of the 1980s boom period. Unfortunately, industrial output is not telling such a bullish story. Meanwhile, unit labour costs are rising and the pound could soon reach DM2.90. At such a level, shrieks of pain from the headquarters of British Steel and ICI will echo each other from either side of the Thames.

Who would have guessed that a Labour Government would hammer manufacturing industry? An unexpected and probably unintended outcome given that manufacturing underinvestment was a favourite target for Labour in its criticism of Tory misrule. Yet, investors cannot expect tax relief in the Budget to be enough to promote the interests of cyclical industries. Negligible inflation and stiff price competition create a tough environment to which has been added an increase in the cost of capital.

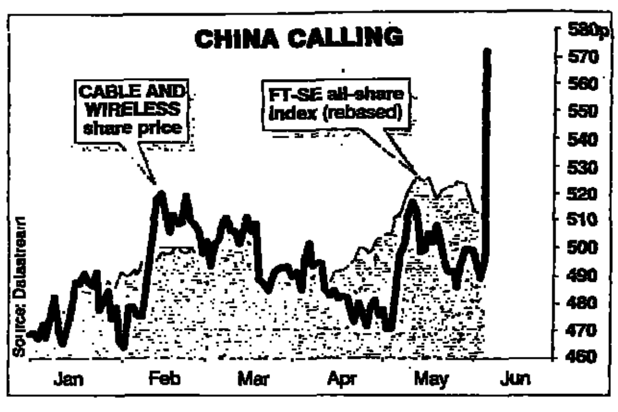
In part, the Bank is concerned about building society windfalls which will add to the economy a sum equal to 7 per cent of last year's consumer spending. But anyone wishing to reinvest their share of that loot would be wise to avoid cyclical industrials. The long end of the gilt market, where yields are falling, looks a safe bet as do the banks and service sector. These are Labour's new-found friends.

C&W

CABLE AND WIRELESS made a political investment in Beijing yesterday, agreeing to sell a 5.5 per cent stake in Hongkong Telecom, its biggest and most profitable business, to state-controlled China Telecom for £726 million. The deal, which came three weeks ahead of the colony's handover, is the start of a series of transactions that will eventually see C&W and China Telecom own equal amounts of HKT. C&W's ownership should fall from 59 per cent to less than 30 per cent.

In response, shareholders drove C&W shares up by 15 per cent to a new year-high. Their euphoria may be premature. There is huge relief that the transaction leaves C&W in control of HKT but it is not exactly clear what it gains. C&W reckons the deal will lead to a partnership with China Telecom that will give HKT access to the world's fastest-growing, and potentially largest, telecoms market. But the terms and extent of its participation were not revealed.

Will HKT be allowed to build its own business in China or will China Telecom get right of first refusal on the juiciest opportunities? Will other foreign telecoms companies, such as AT&T or Deutsche Telekom, also be given access to China, creating a competitive market in the best and worst sense of the term. C&W is making a virtue of a necessity at this stage and shareholders should wait for more signals from Beijing.



Tesco

FOOD price deflation has become the latest bogeyman for supermarkets, replacing last year's petrol price war as the number one threat to grocers' business.

Fortunately for Tesco, the trading figures produced yesterday showed 5.1 per cent like-for-like sales growth. With product price inflation of just 0.3 per cent — and that accounted for by rising petrol prices — the company has to build volumes. That makes good service, in which Tesco has invested heavily, particularly important.

Falling wholesale produce prices can even give a company like Tesco added flexibility, as it can pass on the lower input prices in price cuts for customers or, more usefully, through extra points on its loyalty card.

The negative food price inflation certainly makes life a little more complex for Tesco and the rest, but, ironically, petrol is now a friend, as forecourt prices are well above last year's level and profits are being made at the pump. Lord MacLaurin has left Tesco in good shape. The shares are on a premium to the other supermarkets and are probably fully valued, but the consistent strength of the company means they are certainly worth keeping.

Rank Group

LONG-AWAITED but well-received none the less, the sale of Rank's outstanding interest in photocopying is a turning point for the company, which has been a poor investment since Andrew Teare took over as chief executive. This fault is not entirely to be laid at his door, given his decision to quit equity accounting the profits from Rank Xerox and to streamline the business. Buying back shares out of the billion pound proceeds of the Xerox deal will enhance earnings by about 3½ per cent. However it will also leave the door open to further share buybacks. Aided by more property sale and leasebacks, cash flow should be strong over the next two years, allowing gearing to fall from 46 per cent at the end of this year to 25 per cent by 1999.

The unanswered question is whether Mr Teare will be as good at expanding the business as he has proved to be in selling old assets. Rank has some maturing businesses, namely Butlin's and bingo, but leisure is an expanding industry and investors will not stay with Rank unless they see growth prospects. Rank's earnings should surge ahead next year, after a flattish 1997, thanks to Hard Rock and new investment in leisure, and on a two-year view look good value. But Rank has not answered the question that needles the company. Share buybacks are a welcome discipline but what new idea is going to use up the cash?

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Jul	997-995	Sep	1070-1068
Sep	1021-1019	Dec	1079 BID
Dec	1021-1020	Mar	1091-1087
Mar	1032-1031	May	unq
May	1045-1044		
Jul	1040 BID		Volume: 6407

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1825 SLR	Mar	1840-1820
Sep	1850 SLR	May	1840-1820
Nov	unq	Jul	unq
Jun	1850 SLR		Volume: 7526

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	313.5-13.0
Spot: 332.5		May	312.5-12.0
Aug	326.0-25.2	Aug	312.2-11.6
Oct	316.5-15.7	Oct	305.1-04.5
Dec	313.9-13.2		Volume: 2014

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 5

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	101.21	111.72	92.57
(+/-)	-2.02	-18.45	-0.11
Eng/Wales:	101.26	111.39	92.70
(+/-)	-1.96	-18.65	+0.28
(%)	-4.0	+5.0	+12.0
Scotland:	96.05	119.78	91.80
(+/-)	-8.56	-13.52	-1.43
(%)	+107.0	-2.0	n/c

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)
CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.60	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.10	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Aug)	18.35	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.25	-0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.55	-0.45

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	213 (n/c)	215 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	172 (n/c)	174 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	81 (n/c)	83 (+1)
Naphtha	154 (n/c)	156 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)
GAS OIL

Jun	164.00-64.25	Sep	169.50-69.75
Jul	165.75 BID	Oct	172.00-72.25
Aug	167.50-67.75		Vol. 23729

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.10-18.12	Oct	18.69-18.71
Aug	18.32-18.35	Nov	18.78-18.80
Sep	18.52-18.55		Vol: 36475

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	85.00	Sep	86.00
Sep	89.25	Nov	88.00
Nov	91.25	Jan	90.00
Jan	93.25	Mar	92.00
Mar	95.40	May	94.00
Volume: 169		Volume: 52	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	58.0
Mar		108.5
Apr	112.0	112.0
		Volume: 13

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Jul 73.00-73.50

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 97	1220	1190	1210
Jul 97	1140	1130	1132
Aug 97	1149	1130	1137
Oct 97	1330	1330	1320
Vol: 192 lots		Open interest	2595

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2539.0-2540.0	2477.0-2478.0	1302725
Lead ($/tonne)	626.50-627.50	641.00-642.00	256150
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1346.5-1347.5	1370.0-1371.0	619350
Tin ($/tonne)	5720.0-5730.0	5735.0-5740.0	24240
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1564.5-1565.0	1589.5-1590.0	2159075
Nickel ($/tonne)	7156.0-7157.0	7265.0-7270.0	71070

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom	420	22	[illegible]	[illegible]	9	17	[illegible]
(*425)	460	[illegible]	19	24	34	[illegible]	53
ASDA	120	7	[illegible]	13	2	[illegible]	7
(*125)	130	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	[illegible]	12
Boots	650	47	54	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	20
(*701)	700	11	[illegible]	[illegible]	29	[illegible]	[illegible]
Br Airways	700	[illegible]	60	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*724)	750	[illegible]	34	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	51
BP	700	57	71	83	3	13	[illegible]
(*748)	750	[illegible]	41	54	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Br Steel	140	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*148)	160	0	4	6	[illegible]	20	[illegible]
C & W	500	81	[illegible]	77	6	16	21
(*580)	550	22	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	43
CU	650	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9	31	40
(*695)	700	[illegible]	53	70	27	[illegible]	[illegible]
ICI	800	[illegible]	[illegible]	89	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*851)	850	[illegible]	[illegible]	59	[illegible]	35	[illegible]
Land Sec	850	[illegible]	[illegible]	70	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*875)	900	[illegible]	31	43	[illegible]	41	[illegible]
M & S	500	[illegible]	[illegible]	43	9	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*507)	550	7	[illegible]	20	43	46	49
Nat West	750	50	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	35	[illegible]
(*781)	800	[illegible]	44	[illegible]	36	60	[illegible]
Safeway plc	330	29	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	7	[illegible]
(*353)	360	9	21	29	[illegible]	20	25
Sainsbury	330	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	[illegible]
(*344)	360	[illegible]	16	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	25
Shell	1150	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*1189)	1200	33	[illegible]	85	25	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smkl Bch	1050	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*1072)	1100	27	[illegible]	84	[illegible]	68	82
Storehse	300	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trafalgar	50	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zeneca	1900	[illegible]	[illegible]	195	[illegible]	59	74
(*1908)	1950	[illegible]	[illegible]	142	63	105	[illegible]

	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
BAT Ind	500	55	[illegible]	77	[illegible]	[illegible]	25
(*546)	550	[illegible]	37	50	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vodafone	280	[illegible]	[illegible]	33	7	13	[illegible]
(*290)	300	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	17	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	550	[illegible]	[illegible]	52	19	25	26
(*562)	600	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	56
Ladbroke	240	[illegible]	22	26	[illegible]	10	[illegible]
(*246)	260	[illegible]	14	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Utd Bisc	200	[illegible]	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	10
(*209)	220	7	11	15	[illegible]	20	20

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	500	[illegible]	[illegible]	58	5	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*537)	550	8	20	31	28	[illegible]	37
Thames W	650	[illegible]	56	66	[illegible]	22	[illegible]
(*694)	700	17	31	41	[illegible]	47	57

	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	180	16	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12
(*196)	200	[illegible]	10	[illegible]	16	20	22
Br Aero	1300	67	[illegible]	[illegible]	34	[illegible]	60
[illegible]	1350	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Br Telcm	420	[illegible]	46	48	8	13	19
(*457)	460	17	21	25	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cadbury	500	[illegible]	[illegible]	62	[illegible]	14	[illegible]
(*530)	550	16	24	[illegible]	[illegible]	35	[illegible]
Guinness	550	42	54	[illegible]	12	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*574)	600	16	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	47
GEC	330	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	15	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*333)	360	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	37	[illegible]	41
Hanson	300	25	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	17
(*313)	330	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	21	[illegible]	[illegible]
LASMO	260	[illegible]	[illegible]	37	6	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*275)	280	[illegible]	[illegible]	28	[illegible]	18	[illegible]
LucasVarity	180	[illegible]	23	27	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*192)	200	8	[illegible]	17	13	16	[illegible]
Pilkngtn	110	[illegible]	—	—	[illegible]	—	—
(*117)	120	[illegible]	—	—	[illegible]	—	—
Prudential	600	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	28
(*634)	650	[illegible]	41	54	35	[illegible]	51
Redland	300	32	[illegible]	42	[illegible]	11	[illegible]
(*322)	330	14	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	25	[illegible]
R-Royce	240	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*247)	260	6	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	22	[illegible]
Tesco	360	26	33	41	[illegible]	13	[illegible]
(*374)	390	11	18	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4635)

	4500	4550	4600	4650	4700	4750
Calls						
Jun	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	51	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jul	209	171	135	[illegible]	77	[illegible]
Aug	227	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sep	260	223	[illegible]	[illegible]	133	110
Dec	334		[illegible]		[illegible]	—
Puts						
Jun	[illegible]	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jul	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aug	[illegible]	71	[illegible]	111	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sep	71	[illegible]	102	[illegible]	152	[illegible]
Dec	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	—

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Abby Nat	550	[illegible]	65	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	57
(*557)	600	25	43	[illegible]	55	[illegible]	95
Amstrad	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays	1150	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*1176)	1200	37	[illegible]	[illegible]	51	[illegible]	99
Natl Pwr	500	27	45	54	9	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*516)	550	7	22	30	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo Well	1200	[illegible]	[illegible]	107	26	[illegible]	66
(*1214)	1250	[illegible]	58	78	53	85	[illegible]
HSBC	1850	[illegible]	134	167	[illegible]	[illegible]	129
(*1910)	2000	[illegible]	90	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	183
Reuter	650	47	[illegible]	94	8	21	[illegible]
(*664)	700	[illegible]	[illegible]	57	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal & Sun	460	21	[illegible]	45	9	21	[illegible]
(*466)	500	[illegible]	19	27	[illegible]	43	[illegible]

	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Blue Circ	390	32	[illegible]	47	[illegible]	[illegible]	16
(*410)	420	[illegible]	[illegible]	31	19	[illegible]	31

	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Kingfisher	700	52	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	20	[illegible]
(*731)	750	[illegible]	[illegible]	51	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Series	Jun			Jun		
Br Gas	240	[illegible]	—	—	1	—	—
(*251)	260	24	—	—	2	—	—

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Dixons	460	30	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*486)	500	4	22	33	16	[illegible]	[illegible]
EMI Group	1100	56	85	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	50
(*1147)	1150	26	60	82	20	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tarmac	120	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	[illegible]	6
(*125)	130	2	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11
Hillsdwn	180	[illegible]	10	—	[illegible]	6	—
(*180)	200	0	[illegible]	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
Lonrho	130	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	4	[illegible]
[illegible]	140	2	6	11	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sears	90	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	1600	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomkins	240	[illegible]	[illegible]	26	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*257)	260	[illegible]	11	15	[illegible]	16	[illegible]
Lloyds TSB	600	17	[illegible]	57	15	35	43
[illegible]	650	[illegible]	21	37	[illegible]	65	72
Scot Pwr	360	[illegible]	23	[illegible]	4	18	[illegible]
[illegible]	390	[illegible]	[illegible]	14	21	[illegible]	[illegible]
Unilever	1650	[illegible]	81	110	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	1700	[illegible]	[illegible]	60	[illegible]	93	104

June 6, 1997 Tot: [illegible] Call: 10335 Put: [illegible] FTSE Call: [illegible] Put: [illegible]
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Jun 97	113-05	113-26	113-02	113-24	3892
Previous open interest: 207880	Sep 97	113-14	114-08	113-10	114-02	71993
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Sep 97	100.58	101.00	100.27	100.74	161197
Previous open interest: 206625	Dec 97	99.64	99.64	99.64	99.83	25
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 97	130.50	130.75	130.12	130.23	44243
Previous open interest: 80985	Dec 97				103.38	0
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Jun 97	124.28	124.44	124.28	124.34	1214
	Sep 97	122.83	123.00	122.82	122.91	3221
Three Mth Sterling	Jun 97	93.34	93.38	93.28	93.28	13107
	Sep 97	93.17	93.22	93.11	93.14	48750
Previous open interest: 543539	Dec 97	93.00	93.07	92.96	93.00	27426
Three Mth Euromark	Jun 97	96.82	96.85	96.81	96.83	20079
Previous open interest: 1492038	Sep 97	96.76	96.81	96.75	96.79	37044
Three Mth Eurolira	Jun 97	93.16	93.18	93.07	93.10	13673
Previous open interest: 351511	Sep 97	93.37	93.41	93.31	93.33	22520
Three Mth Euroyen	Sep 97				99.32	0
	Dec 97	98.90	99.01	98.90	98.90	45
Three Mth Euroswiss	Jun 97	98.52	98.57	98.47	98.57	7877
Previous open interest: 150865	Sep 97	98.41	98.49	98.36	98.48	13051
Three Mth ECU	Jun 97	95.83	95.83	95.80	95.81	[illegible]
Previous open interest: 35294	Sep 97	95.81	95.82	95.79	95.79	622
FTSE 100	Jun 97	4588.0	4660.0	4570.0	4656.0	15117
Previous open interest: 90629	Sep 97	4617.0	4706.5	4603.0	4686.0	1959

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6½ Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 5½ Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy. 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open [illegible], close [illegible].

Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.60	n/a	5.72	5.85	6.14
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TREASURY BILLS: Applics: £1.01bn allotted: £200m: Bids: £98.42% received: 92%: Last week: £98.44% received: 70%: Avge rate: £6.3332% last wk £6.2108: Next week: £200m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $344.30-344.60 Close: $344.30-344.80 High: $344.70-345.20
Low: $343.70-344.20 AM: $343.80 PM: $344.00

Krugerrand: $344.00-346.00 (£211.00-213.00)

Platinum: $497.00 (£306.05) **Silver:** $4.88 (£2.995) **Palladium:** $230.00 (£141.65)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 6	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.1634-3.1814	3.1634-3.1664	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	57.769-58.390	57.989-58.079	18-13pr	51-45pr
Copenhagen	10.706-10.769	10.708-10.716	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	1.0946-1.1045	1.0946-1.0961	4pr-1ds	13-6pr
Frankfurt	2.8126-2.8276	2.8126-2.8146	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	284.14-285.50	284.28-284.57	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	237.59-238.81	237.88-238.14	28-18pr	91-73pr
Milan	2760.0-2779.4	2770.1-2773.7	2-18ds	0-32ds
Montreal	2.2425-2.2535	2.2517-2.2535	0.05-0.00pr	1.33-1.25pr
New York	1.6220-1.6290	1.6271-1.6278	0.124-0.102pr	0.348-0.317pr
Oslo	11.655-11.710	11.658-11.671	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	9.4025-9.5440	9.4025-9.4096	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	12.623-12.685	12.671-12.685	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	187.48-189.66	187.65-187.84	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	19.704-19.905	19.704-19.809	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.3596-2.3765	2.3590-2.3623	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3156-1.3164
Austria	12.20-12.21
Belgium (Com)	35.77-35.78
Canada	1.3828-1.3833
Denmark	6.6000-6.6020
France	5.8528-5.8540
Germany	1.7341-1.7346
Hong Kong	7.7430-7.7440
Ireland	1.4798-1.4818
Italy	1706.10-1707.60
Japan	115.60-115.65
Malaysia	2.5115-2.5125
Netherlands	1.9506-1.9510
Norway	7.1770-7.1843
Portugal	174.96-175.06
Singapore	1.4295-1.4305
Spain	146.44-146.54
Sweden	7.7752-7.7827
Switzerland	1.4536-1.4548

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6239-1.6266
Australia dollar	2.1363-2.1386
Bahrain dinar	0.6090-0.6210
Brazil real*	1.7443-1.7468
China yuan	13.372-13.672
Cyprus pound	0.8190-0.8290
Finland markka	8.4275-8.5435
Greece drachma	446.0-453.0
Hong Kong dollar	12.5731-12.5841
India rupee	57.91-58.87
Indonesia rupiah	3930.0-3948.0
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4890-0.4990
Malaysia ringgit	4.0766-4.0807
New Zealand dollar	2.3591-2.3622
Pakistan rupee	65.35 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8775-6.0015
Singapore dollar	2.3208-2.3238
S Africa rand (com)	7.2630-7.3050
U A E dirham	5.9300-6.0540

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	5,500	Land Secs	2,000
ASDA Gp	7,100	Legal & Gn	3,100
Abbey Ntl	5,000	Lloyds TSB	17,000
Allied Dom	2,400	LucasVarity	6,200
AB Foods	777	Marks Spr	4,300
BAA	833	Mercury Asst	263
BAT Inds	4,300	NatWst Bk	14,100
BG	4,100	Nat Grid	9,200
BOC	731	Nat Power	3,700
BP	7,000	Next	3,300
BSkyB	3,000	Orange	2,000
BTR	13,500	P & O	567
BT	14,400	Pearson	891
Bk of Scot	3,800	PowerGen	2,500
Barclays	5,300	Prudential	1,800
Bass	4,300	RMC	510
Blue Circle	1,100	Railtrack	2,700
Boots	4,000	Rank Group	4,700
BAe	1,600	Reckitt Col	838
BA	1,400	Reed Intl	2,300
British Land	2,300	Rentokil	3,000
Brit Steel	10,200	Reuters	2,400
Burmah Cstl	360	Rio Tinto	1,600
Burton	6,500	Rolls Royce	1,800
Cable Wire	20,000	Royal & Sun	3,000
Cadbury	2,300	Royal Bk Sct	3,900
Carlton Cms	1,500	Safeway	4,800
Centrica	22,200	Sainsbury	1,500
Cm Union	2,200	Schroders	7
Dixons	1,800	Scot & New	2,300
EMI	1,300	Scot Power	1,300
Energy Gp	3,500	Svrn Trent	660
Enterpr Oil	3,700	Shell Trans	4,600
GKN	728	Siebe	2,100
GRE	2,800	SmKl Bch	4,000
GUS	1,200	Smith Nph	3,100
Gen Acc	1,600	Smiths Inds	1,300
Gen Elec	7,100	Std Chartd	4,400
Glaxo Well	3,600	TI Gp	311
Granada	2,300	Tate & Lyle	455
Grand Met	12,300	Tesco	3,400
Guinness	4,900	Thames W	198
HSBC	2,000	Tomkins	5,700
Hanson	3,500	Unilever	1,500
Hays	2,000	Utd Utilities	1,600
ICI	7,200	Utd News	628
Imp Tob	1,200	Vodafone	13,300
Kingfisher	2,900	Whitbread	176
LASMO	12,800	Wolseley	337
Ladbroke	2,500	Zeneca	777

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Aetna Life	[illegible]	103
Ahmanson (HF)	43	[illegible]
Air Prod & Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
AirTouch Comm	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Alcan Alumnm	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Xerox	[illegible]	[illegible]
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THE TIMES: PERSONAL FINANCE NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

Mixed blessing under EMU's wing

Caroline Merrell explains the implications for UK investors of the single currency in 1999

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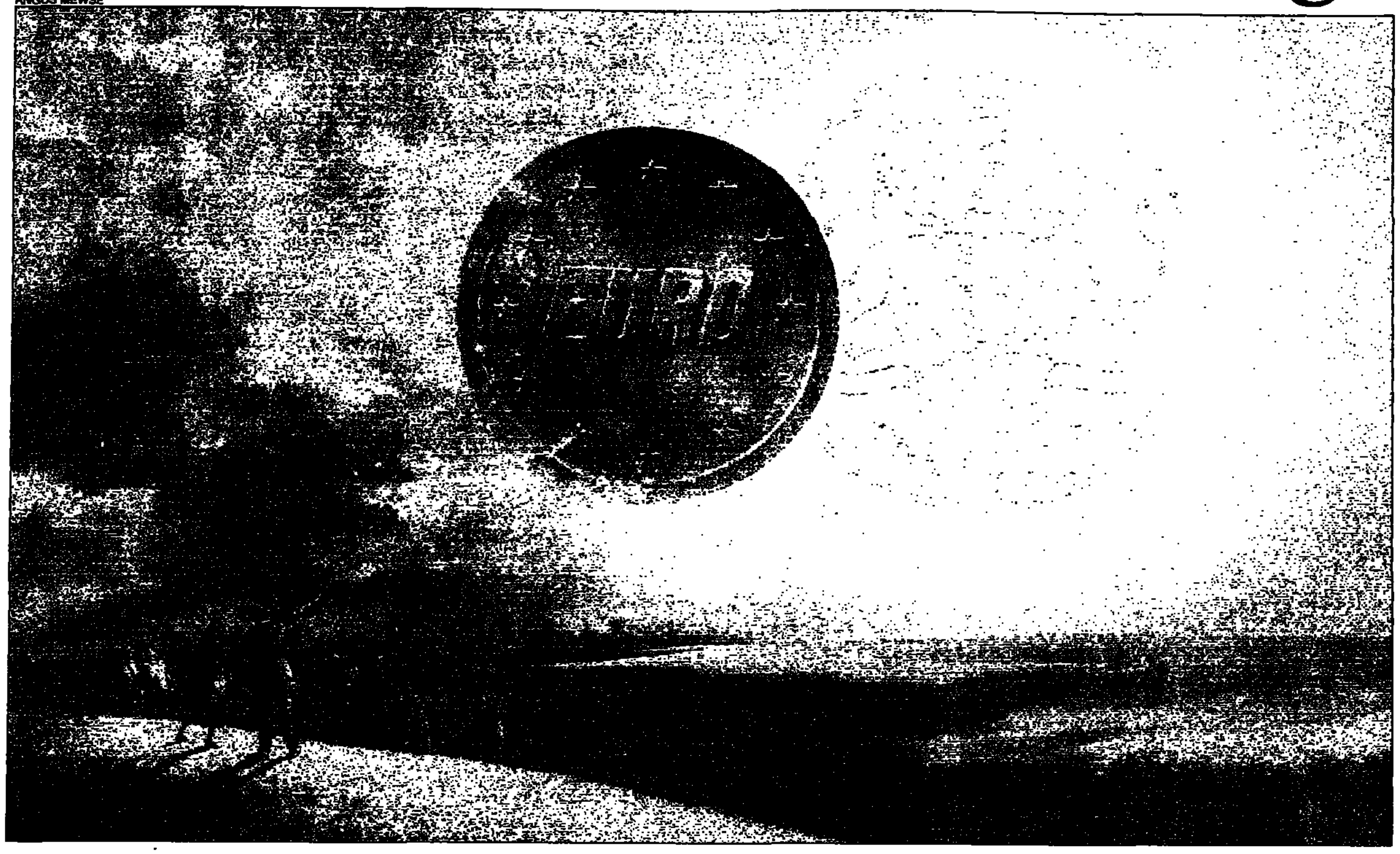

The events in Germany and France this week mean economic and monetary union (EMU) has become even more like the unfortunate flightless Australian bird that shares its name. The election of the socialist Lionel Jospin as the French Prime Minister, makes it less likely that France will be able to meet the Maastricht criteria in time for the introduction of the single currency in early 1999. M Jospin is sceptical about EMU and has already delayed the privatisation programme that would have helped the Government to reduce its debts to satisfy the Maastricht criteria. Equally, in Germany, in spite of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's best endeavours, the Bundesbank is refusing to allow revaluation of gold reserves to be used to reduce government debts.

As France and Germany are the two strongest proponents of the single currency, a weakening of their position has a significant impact on the entire concept of monetary union and Britain's part in it — if it decides to have one. European Governments now have to revise their plans. The Euro may be delayed or softened, and even if a compromise is hammered out, the UK may still opt not to join. Here *The Times*, in the first of a two-part series, explains the impact of these various scenarios on interest and mortgage rates, currencies, and fixed-interest securities such as gilts, savings and investments.

Q If the euro is "softened", what will the impact be on interest rates?

A A softer euro is simply a relaxation of the economic targets that countries have to meet in order to be part of the single currency. At the moment this seems to be one of the more likely outcomes of the political turbulence in Europe this week. Roger Bootle, chief economist at HSBC, says if the euro is softened and the UK participates, interest and mortgage rates will rise and convergence with the low interest rates in Germany will be less likely. The argument against other countries, such as Italy, joining will be weaker.

He adds that if the euro softens and we stay out, our interest rates will fall. He said: "International investors will buy sterling as an alternative to a weakened euro, pushing down interest rates." But some analysts say a strong pound has not stopped the newly independent Bank of England from raising interest rates to control inflation.

Barry Naisbitt, Abbey National economist, believes that interest rates in the UK will remain unaffected by the single currency, whether we join or not. He said: "If we continue to have the low inflation we have enjoyed over the past five years, interest rates will remain in the 5.25 to 7 per cent band. We can look forward to low-cost mortgages for some years to come."

Q If the euro is delayed, then what will be the impact on interest rates?

A A delay in the introduction of the euro, set for January 1, 1999, will be seen as an admission by participating countries that the project is flawed, and in danger of abandonment. International investors would switch from sterling, which has been a "safe haven" currency. The fact that the mark is no longer seen to be weak by aligning with other currencies, means international investors will buy marks, weakening sterling, giving the Bank the latitude to lift interest rates, without hurting manufacturers with a strong pound.

Q What impact will the softened euro have on currency?

A A softened euro would tend to lead international investors to buy sterling and sell marks, thus raising sterling's strength. The strong pound is already creating problems for companies that have large overseas profits. A strong pound, however, would make imports cheaper, thus keeping the downwards pressure on inflation, and interest rates. Stephen Whittaker, Perpetual fund manager, said: "Strong sterling is bad for manufacturers but will help stocks."

Q What effect will a delayed or weakened euro have on fixed-interest investments?

A The yield on UK gilts and other fixed-interest assets such as corporate bonds are linked to interest rates and inflation. The price of gilts rose and their yields fell after the announcement of an independent Bank of England — the markets took the view that an independent bank would be tougher on inflation than one where the Government had a hand. Gilts not eroded by inflation are more valuable. Many of the UK's biggest fund managers, including banks and building societies that offer fixed-rate loans or savings products, have for the past five years operated a "convergence play". This means they assume all fixed-interest investments will have similar yields in 1999. They may buy Italian fixed interest securities which now have a higher yield than German bonds. As the liklihood of Italy joining the EMU grows, prices will rise and yields fall.

This week, Howard Davies, the future head of the Securities and Investments Board, warned banks and financial services companies against gambling on convergence. He said: "We, as regulators, are interested to know whether you have undertaken a prudent assessment of how vulnerable you are to uncertain events in the market."

Next week: pensions, holiday cash

Elections knock performance of European trusts

Many of the UK's largest firms of funds managers appeared reluctant to discuss how their European trusts had fared this week, against the background of economic upheaval in France and Germany (Caroline Merrell writes).

Figures from Micropal, the statistics house, showed that some European funds have fallen as much as 3 per cent in just a few days, as French and German markets fell in reaction to political events. Mercury's European growth fund fell more than 3 per cent in the seven days to June 4. The Mercury European privatisation fund has a 14 per cent exposure to stocks in France.

The fund manager said the French market almost immediately gained the 6 per cent it lost because of the first round of the elections. Mercury said: "Privatisations have been cancelled or delayed. The Socialists are a worst-case scenario. There are much broader implications for the banking sector. There was hope that the right wing would sort out the sector: this is unlikely under a Socialist government."

Raj Shant, of Credit Suisse, said the new French Government was already talking about increasing the minimum wage and shortening the working week. "Those companies that employ a large number of people such as the banks will be most affected by this sort of change." The new Government also had an impact on companies that are partly owned by the Government, such as Thomson CSF, the electronics company. "It now looks unlikely that the remaining stakes will be sold off," he said.

Talal Shakerchi, of Old Mutual, claims that many company investment strategists are failing to take into account the possibility that the single currency may not be achieved in 1999.

"The signs are that a delay in EMU is on the cards, but almost everybody is still betting on it going ahead on time. They are just following the lead of politicians, and there will be a crunch point soon when this could all fall apart. Investors are not sufficiently aware of the risks."

He identified the banking and utilities sectors as particularly vulnerable to an EMU delay. Fragile areas include countries with weaker currencies which could be the victims of speculators. "There would be a negative impact on Italian, Spanish and even French equities," he said.

A possible delay in EMU is now a key factor in Old Mutual's stock selection, but Mr Shakerchi says his trust is one of the few that recognises the problems associated with a delayed or fudged euro.

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A little Sugar in your bowl

PERSONAL INVESTOR

JASON NISSÉ

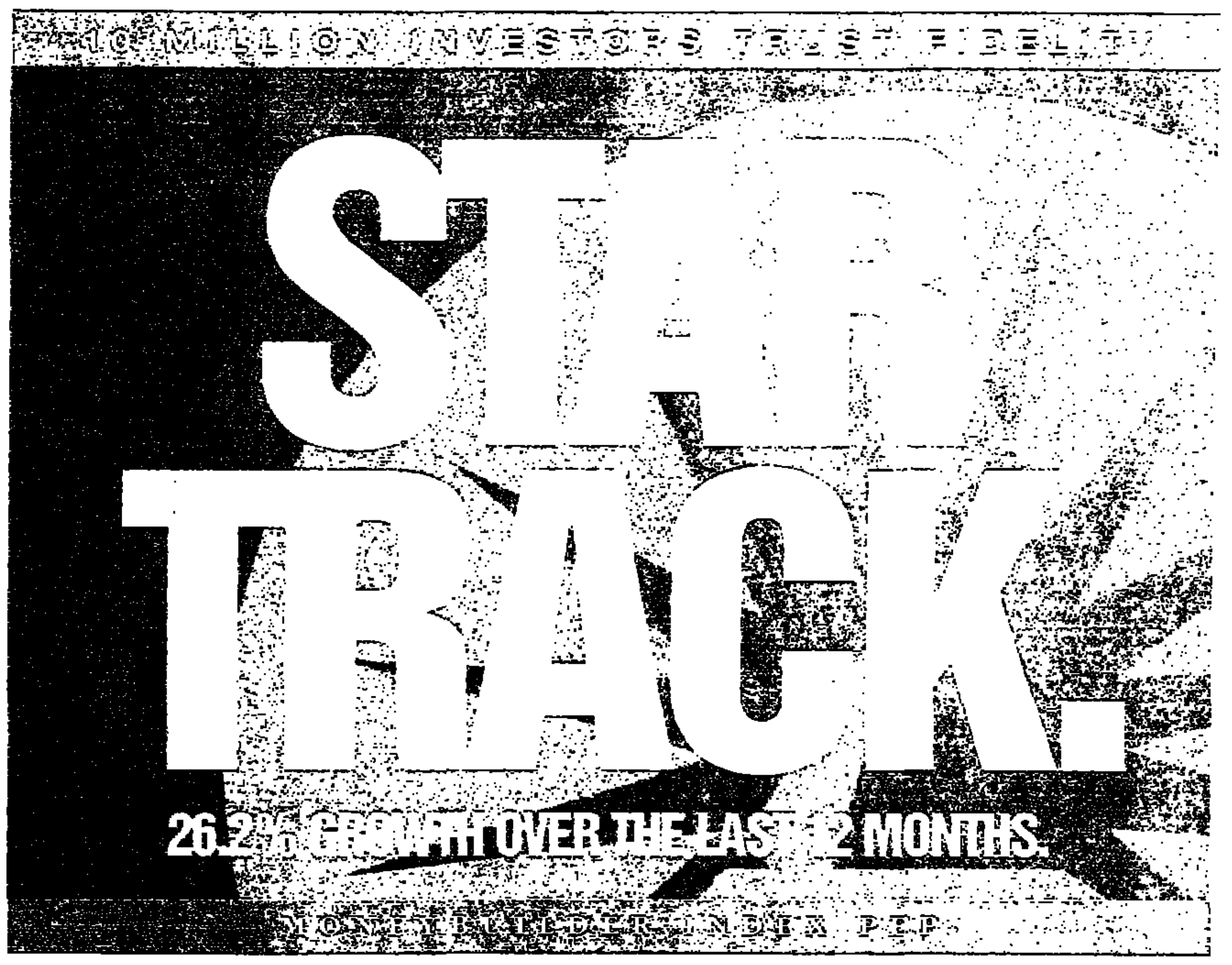
A few years ago, shortly after Terry Venables was ousted as chief executive of Tottenham Hotspur, rival Arsenal fans taunted Spurs supporters with a banner: "Two cups, no Sugar." The unpopularity of Alan Sugar, the Amstrad and Spurs chairman, has hung like a cloud over the two companies he runs. But anyone who invested in Spurs when he took control in 1991 would be enjoying a five-fold profit today. And those who kept faith when Amstrad was looking sickly a couple of years ago will be glad they did.

Last week's restructuring of Amstrad is a classic example of how to release value from a company. "Unbundling" was a buzzword at the time of the audacious £13 billion bid for BAT Industries by Hoylake — the unholy alliance of Lord Rothschild, Kerry Packer and Sir James Goldsmith — in 1989. The idea was that by breaking up conglomerates where the companies had no reason to be together, it could be shown that the sum of the parts was worth more than the whole. But Hanson's drawn out unbundling into an energy company, a chemicals company, a tobacco company and a rump has only revealed that the group was merely overvalued in the first place. Then came the splitting up of Thorn EMI, which only showed up the deficiencies in both companies. The Hanson and EMI experience has put off the likes of Tomkins and BTR which might benefit from being broken up.

The unbundling of Amstrad has been on the cards for about a year, though few thought Sugar would go as far as he did in smashing up the structure he created. The seeds of the end go back a good three-and-a-half years when Sugar — clearly unhappy with the way the City reacted to Amstrad's problems with its PC2286 and PC2386 personal computers — tried to take the company private with a bid of less than £200 million. Though Sugar started with 34 per cent of the shares, shareholders thought his offer so unappetising that he wasn't able to get majority control. Amstrad shares languished at about Sugar's offer price until 12 months ago when *The Times* revealed that Psion, the hand-held computer maker, was in talks which might lead to an offer for Amstrad of up to £250 million. Psion walked away a few weeks later muttering that Amstrad was not worth that much. How wrong it was.

The key to unleashing the value latent in Amstrad was Dancall, the mobile phone maker which Sugar picked up for a song a couple of years ago. Bosch bought it for £92 million leaving Amstrad with £200 million of cash. This is now being handed back to shareholders by way of a loan note, which can be cashed in any time over the next three years. Of course shareholders will have to pay captial gains tax, but this structure allows them to crystallise the profit at a time when it is most tax advantageous. In the break up, Viglen, the PC maker, is being given its freedom with analysts valuing it at anything from £80 million to £140 million. The Betacom stake also goes to shareholders. This is woefully undervalued at £31 million as the business now owns the contract to make digital set-top boxes for the British Interactive Broadcasting consortium, which could be worth as much as £200 million. The final piece of the jigsaw is the possible income from the legal actions arising from the personal computer disaster. The court case in the UK against Seagate Technology went in Amstrad's favour and the US action against Western Digital is going well. So at least £100 million should come from the court cases. Adding the whole lot together you can see a value from Amstrad in the region of £450 million.

However, Amstrad's break up is not going to restore the credibility of unbundling entirely — it is too small to do that. But by creating an extra £200 million for shareholders, Sugar has proven that his bleating that the market never realised Amstrad's value was right and he has made Psion look a bunch of mugs.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Marianne Curphey on the latest instalment in the windfall bonanza

Harvest comes early down Norwich way

A QUESTION OF MONEY

ALAN WELLER

Worth checking: Michael Nathan gets almost 40 per cent more

Q How much will my Norwich Union shares be worth?

A The price of the shares will not be confirmed until June 16, the first day the Norwich Union officially begins trading on the stock market. Two weeks ago Norwich Union said the price range for its public offer was expected to be 240p to 290p but even the upper figure may now reach 350p.

Q Who sets the price for the shares?

A The price, like the price of all shares traded, is set by market supply and demand. Financial bookmakers have been making predictions, based on demand from merchant banks and large institutional investors, that Norwich Union will open at 350p. This is the price being quoted on the unofficial "grey" market before trading begins. These bookmakers' predictions proved to be right in the case of the Halifax flotation.

Q What caused the grey market price to rise?

A NU's opening price has also been pushed up by market optimism about financial stocks, and the recent strong run of shares in the banking and insurance sectors. There is not likely to be such a scramble for NU shares as there was for Alliance & Leicester shares because institutions like pension funds, have a chance to buy shares in an auction known as a placing. Each demutualisation is proving unique, and takeover speculation will inflate demand for NU shares.

Q So how much will I receive in total?

A At a 350p opening price, the average shares windfall for NU members would be about £1,400 and the minimum allocation of 300 free shares for 1.8 million policyholders would be £1,050. A further 1.1 million non-profit policyholders will receive a flat rate of 150 shares.

Q How can I be sure I will get the right allocation of free shares?

A There is no short cut to this other than questioning your allocation with the insurer. One Weekend Money reader, Michael Nathan, asked Norwich Union to check his allocation. After examining a table that NU sent him, Mr Nathan, a consultant with Baker Tilly, the accountants, found that he was entitled to more. NU confirmed he should be receiving 39 per cent more shares.

Q What about the members' offer?

A NU members have been invited to apply for extra shares at a 25p discount to the price paid by institutions and non-members. However, they will not know the actual price payable until after the close of the institutional offer on June 13. Stockbrokers have reported great enthusiasm for the members' offer and it is likely to be oversubscribed. This means your application is likely to be scaled down, although you will receive back any unspent cash. Your free share allocation will be unaffected.

Q When do I have to complete the paperwork?

A Your application for extra shares and an accompanying cheque must be with Norwich Union by 2pm on Tuesday. This means posting your application for extra shares this morning.

Q How many extra shares can I apply for?

A There is a £400 minimum for existing NU members and £1,000 for non-members. The maximum subscription is £100,000.

Q Should I hold on to the shares?

A Unless you have outstanding debts to pay off, most brokers agree you should hold the shares. NU has a strong brand name, and there will be plenty of predators keen to make a takeover bid. If NU is resolutely independent, then expect lucrative tie-ups with other banks or building societies.

Q Will I have to pay tax on the shares?

A Yes, unless you put them into a personal equity plan (Pep). Outside a Pep you will pay income tax at your highest rate on the dividends you receive. You will also pay capital gains tax if you sell shares worth more than £6,500 in one tax year. The Inland Revenue has decided that since the windfall shares are free, they carry no value initially. When you come to sell them, the whole of their initial value, plus any money you have made from then since flotation, will be assessed for CGT purposes. The more windfall shares you have, the more important it is to put them into a Pep.

However, Pep charges could wipe out the tax savings you make. Read the details about charges in the Pep literature before you decide. You have 42 days after the NU flotation date to transfer the shares into a Pep for free, without them impinging on your annual £9,000 general Pep allowance.

Q Who provides Peps for windfall shares?

A Only Fidelity, Henderson Investors, John Govett, M&G, Mercury, Perpetual and Save & Prosper will let you hold the shares direct. Other Pep providers require you to swap the shares for units in their own trusts.

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Personal Finance Editor

Camelot directors and Prudential salesmen have more in common than just working for businesses where the payout is a lottery.

The Camelot bosses this week threatened to make their salaries a resigning issue, after a reprimand from Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary. Asked to hand back their bonuses, they muttered that they might take their services elsewhere.

When informed that they would lose a few days' wages, so that they could be retrained after criticisms from the chief City watchdog, the Pru staff seem also to have been less than pleased. However, the outcome in this case was not a Camelot-style compromise. The Pru people are to be compensated for their missed client consultations, each receiving £500 worth of Prudential share options (see page 27).

The bill for this latest episode in the Pru's turbulent relationship with its regulator will be paid by the unsuspecting with-profit policyholders. They will also be asked to find another £200 million for the Pru's victims of pension mis-selling. This means that customers are forced to pay the price for the bad advice given to others.

Shareholders will not feel the pain, so have no incentive to encourage the Pru management to ensure that their employees receive the correct training from the outset. The only reassuring detail in this episode is the evidence that, at last, the watchdogs are attempting to ensure higher standards.

Miscalculation

HECTOR, the bowler-hatted frontman for the Inland Revenue's self-assessment campaign, is now to be seen burying his head in the sand to encourage taxpayers not to follow his example.

He wishes to remind us to submit our self assessment forms. But the example of those punctilious individuals who have already complied with his demand is scarcely inspiring. In spite of Revenue denials, the error rate on returns appears to be high as 50 per cent (see page 37).

If those sufficiently well prepared to send back forms months before the deadline can make mistakes, then those who act at the last minute have little hope of achieving any measure of accuracy. They will find themselves paying fines in addition to tax.

These penalties could be a useful extra source of revenue to the Chancellor. But Gordon Brown should decide to take a long-term view. If he is committed to fair taxes, as promised in the Labour manifesto, he should urge the Revenue to be forbearing with tardy and confused taxpayers. He must also hasten the long overdue simplification of the tax system without which self-assessment will never succeed.

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Conal Gregory takes a walk round the art exhibitions and salerooms

Art on a summer's day

Those who are feeling flush with windfall cash may now feel tempted to take a flutter on something more attractive than a Pep.

Despite the recent upsurge in the art market, pieces of art are on sale at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, or one of the season's fashionable art fairs, including the Fine Art & Antiques Fair at Olympia (June 5-15) and the Grosvenor House Art & Antiques Fair (June 12-21). The International Ceramics Fair at the Park Lane Hotel runs from June 13-16 and the 38th Antiquarian Book Fair at the Grosvenor House from June 26-28. At some fairs, there are lectures and seminars to improve your knowledge and, just in case you are still not sated with fine art, the main auctioneers are also holding important sales.

Anyone buying from a dealer at a fair should check that the item is fully described on the invoice. This should state a date of production, whether any restoration has taken place, measurements and provenance. You are likely to need this these details for insurance purposes. Before you buy, items should have been independently vetted for quality and authenticity.

Here, Weekend Money looks at some current best buys in antiques and art works.

■ **Furniture**: English furniture is a strong market, particularly late 18th and early 19th century writing tables, up 50 per cent over five years, according to Norman Adams, the dealer. A good five-foot desk fetches £48,000 plus. Fine mid-Georgian tallboys especially in mahogany and walnut, have similarly jumped in price. If you want to spend less than £1,000, look for Twenties furniture, 18th-century tripod tables and neo-classical inlaid and painted furniture.

■ **Glass**: Good engraved Victorian glass has recently taken off: 18th century English wine glasses, particularly with fine air twist and opaque twist stems, are a firm upward market, but so-called Jacobite glass is static, reflecting public nervousness over authenticity. Antique decanters look undervalued by comparison with modern copies.

■ **Paintings**: Victorian art is very strong, especially John Atkinson Grimshaw who was active in the mid-Victorian period. Waterhouse & Dodd, the London art dealer, believe modern British paintings, particularly the Newlyn artists of 1890-1930 are "undervalued". A work by Harold Harney, one of the Newlyn school fetched typically around £16,000 in 1989 and is now £8,500. Wilfred de Glehn, another Victorian painter, is moving up rapidly. Avoid Victorian religious scenes, unless with good decorative frames.

Old Master Dutch art continues to rise. For example, a 1649 three-year-old Dutch girl, painted by Marthys van den Berg, the son of Rubens's gardener, made £7,700 in 1973 and is offered by Noortman, the London dealer, at £75,000. Phillips, the auction house, likes Irish watercolours, such as those by Percy French. In prints, good Old Masters and contemporary US, such as Wesselmann or Roy Lichtenstein, are rising fast, as are the screenprints of Andy Warhol.

■ **Silver and plate**: Look for Georgian silver flatware. English pewter and good 18th century silver candlesticks.

■ **Ceramics**: Early English porcelain, particularly blue and white, continues to rise. Many dealers recommend 19th-century Meissen figures, plus Royal Worcester and Engish Majolica.

■ **Carpets, rugs and textiles**: William Morris carpets and textiles continue to be popular. Look for late 19th-century decorated carpets, antique velvets and brocades and 17th century embroidery.

■ **Books**: Old Atlases and travel books are in enormous demand, often to be split up and used by interior decorators for individual pages. Autographed letters are also now much sought after.

Among other artefacts, jewellery is currently not selling well. But there is still considerable interest in Dinky toys, children's puzzles and toys, provided they are undamaged and, where possible, still boxed.

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Blondes have more fun: modern American artists, including Roy Lichtenstein, are wanted

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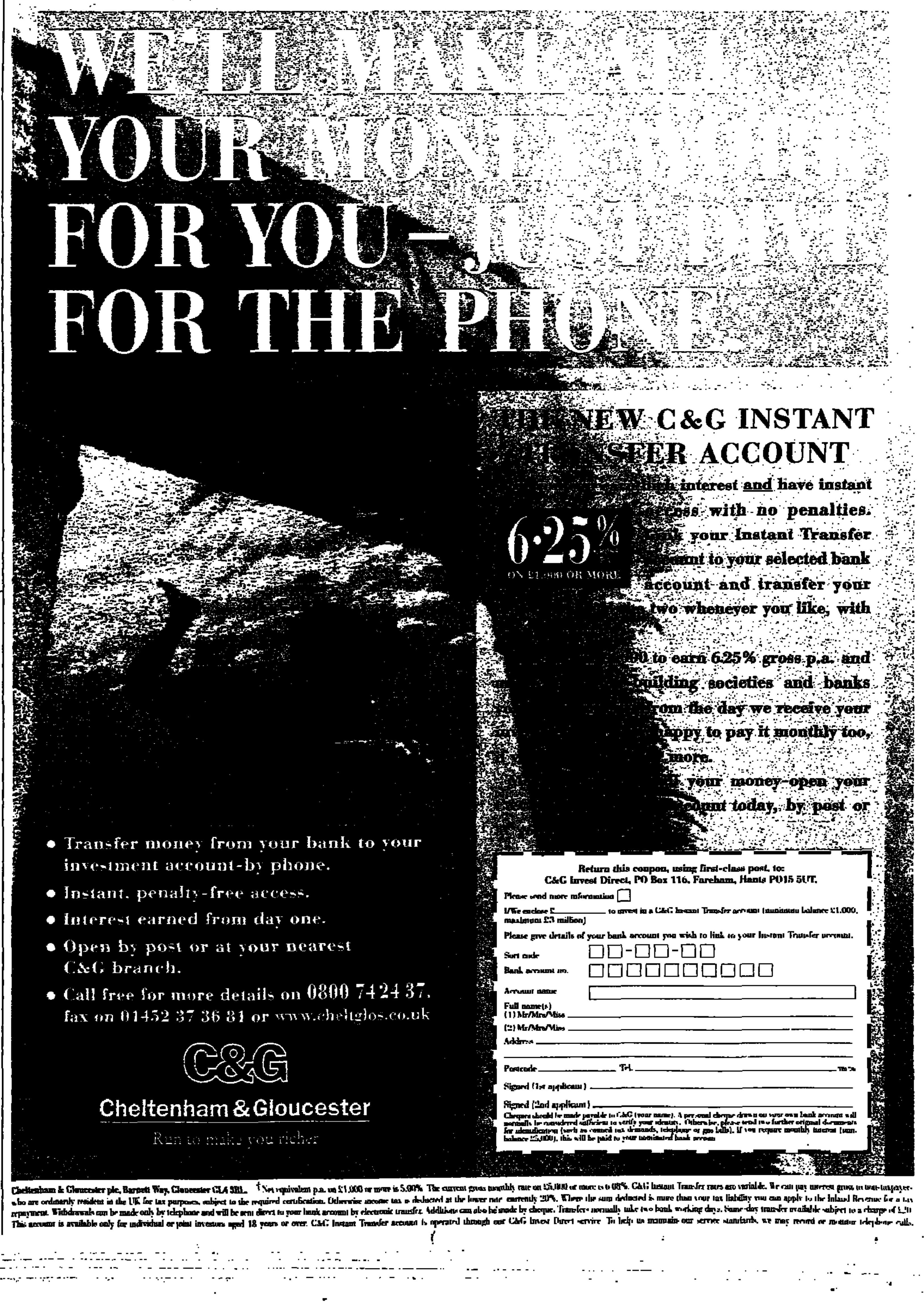

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Game over for Lloyd's names

JANET GILL

Business as usual: after all the upheavals of recent years, Lloyd's of London is still a leading force in global insurance

New proposals for the Lloyd's of London insurance market will make it harder, if not impossible, for individuals to underwrite business in the traditional way. The minimum amount of assets that must be displayed by a name underwriting with unlimited liability is rising from £250,000 to £350,000 in the year 2002.

The gearing (effectively the degree to which your capital is allowed to "punch above its weight" and underwrite bigger risks) is to be reduced, disappointing aggressive investors.

Lloyd's is still very much a going concern, though. It recently announced underwriting profits of more than £1 billion for 1994, the last year to be reported, although this excellent figure is set to decline by as much as half in the subsequent two years because of the cyclical nature of profits in the insurance industry.

The prospect of many more years of 1994-style earnings has ensured a host of new investment opportunities designed to keep the private investor in the picture. Whether they will be long-lived is a matter of debate.

Many traditional names have been persuaded to switch their valuable rights to participate in specific underwriting syndicates to limited liability vehicles. These include Scottish Limited Partnerships, where a notional company is set up to shelter the name from the full horror of having to give up all possessions if losses are too high. Another approach is being taken by the Conversion Investment Trust. It is buying syndicate participation rights from names, with the aim of pooling the total underwriting capacity, creating an investment trust with traded shares. The fund aims to target unlimited liability names who are underwriting through pooled arrangements at Lloyd's already, further spreading risk.

There is also a selection of investment vehicles that trade on the main London market or the AIM. Many began underwriting in 1994, the first year they were allowed to enter on a limited-liability basis.

In "spread" vehicles, risk is underwritten on a variety of syndicates. In "dedicated" vehicles, there is just one. This year, the first wave of funds are poised to pay their first dividends from insurance activities (they have already been paying smaller dividends from investment income earned on deposited funds).

Their share prices have tended to follow the same pattern: a fall from the initial 1994 issue price, due to the pessimism that attached to Lloyd's after it accumulated losses of more than £8 billion; then a recovery in 1996 as it became clear that names would accept the £3 billion rescue package.

Research by Murray Lawrence, the members agency, says that, between them, Premium Underwriting and Premium Trust produced the best underwriting return in 1994, based on earnings per share before advisers fees but after a standard management fee.

It earned 13.8p per share (EPS), and has the advantage of no exposure to "open years". These are declared when there is so much uncertainty about future claims that a syndicate's managers are unable to buy reinsurance to "close" that year's trading, even after three years.

Lomond Underwriting is next at 12.8p, then Limit, at 12.1p, and Hiscox Select at 11.7p. At the bottom of the 1994 scale is HCG, at 6.1p EPS. Its lowly position is through underweighting in marine underwriting and overexposure in aviation, says Murray Lawrence. HCG was taken over by Benfield and Rea Investment Trust last year.

New London Capital, which trades at about 106.5p, was hit by its investment in Archer Syndicate 657, where the names underwriting in 1994 were hit by under-reserving.

The syndicate's 1994 losses were equivalent to 41 per cent of its underwriting capacity. EPS struggled to 8.2p. Many see the Lloyd's corporate vehicle sector as ripe for a shake-out, with too many trusts. Some analysts say oversupply is deflating prices and attracting the likes of Scottish Value Trust, which targets underperforming funds. With the exception of Limit, with a market capitalisation of about £363 million, they are mostly small, a possible deterrent to institutions.

Charles Sturge, of Chatset, the Lloyd's performance analysts, believes spread vehicles will integrate with each other, and with the managing agents that run the syndicates. This raises the prospect of short-term surges in share price.

However, Mr Sturge thinks their lifespan as independent spread vehicles will be short, perhaps as brief as two or three years, and those who do not integrate risk seeing their value drift.

The general pessimism could still be good news for investors. UBS's highly rated insurance analysts see lots of opportunities. Buys include Limit, Angerstein, Finsbury, Kiln Capital, Masthead and Lomond.

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The accidental bidder

As more private buyers turn to auctions, **Sara McConnell** resists a bijou des res in Chiswick

PETER TRIEVNOR

Auction action: Mike Logan Wood disposes of another lot at London's Connaught Rooms

The man at the back of the auction room had forgotten where he was. He waved casually to a friend — and nearly ended up bidding for a leasehold cottage in Chiswick. The auction buyer's worst nightmare.

But he was not the only one. Chris Glenn, presiding over Barnard Marcus's best attended auction for many years, had to remind his inexperienced audience at regular intervals not to wave arms or papers unnecessarily as properties were changing hands on a raised eyebrow.

It was standing room only in the ballroom at London's Mandarin Oriental (formerly the Hyde Park Hotel). Families were spending one of the hottest days of the year watching more than 200 lots go under the hammer and mingling with dealers, now increasingly outbid by the public.

During the recession, auctions were mainly used by lenders to offload repossessions. Even if not repossessed, properties sold at auction were likely to have dodgy leases, sinister cracks in walls or sitting tenants. Buyers had to be brave, or desperate for a bargain, to compete with the dealers. But now more buyers are turning to auctions, many disenchanted by the re-emergence of unscrupulous practices by estate agents in the current buoyant market. The Office of Fair Trading this week warned agents that they could be banned for such practices as inflating property prices by inventing higher bids or taking bribes from buyers to "ring-fence" properties.

Auctioneers say keen buyers encourage more vendors to use auctions which brings in better properties.

Mike Logan Wood of Hambro Countrywide, which has been holding auctions all round the country this week, said: "There are more private buyers and also more private vendors. Auctions give people a firm and quick sale".

Back at the Mandarin Oriental, the first lot under the hammer was a repossessed 1980s starter home in Catford for which the Halifax wanted £53,000. Other "investment opportunities" included a bricked-up end of terrace on the Great West Road no one had seen inside but which still fetched £71,000. Compared with these, the Chiswick cottage looked positively desirable. Its only problem was an absentee landlord but as this can make buying the freehold easier, perhaps the accidental bidder should have persisted.

First time under the hammer

Put your hand in the air and on the fall of the hammer, you've bought a property. "What could be easier?" Chris Glenn, of Barnard Marcus told his audience at the firm's most recent auction. The answer is, quite a lot. If you are buying a property this way, the auction itself will be almost the last stage. Unless you want to take big risks, you will have inspected the property you want to buy and asked your solicitor to check any legal documents supplied by the seller. If the thought of buying at auction scares you, you may have talked through the procedure with the auctioneer beforehand or at least read one of the leaflets supplied by many firms. How can you save yourself from making a bad mistake or buy the bargain of a lifetime? These are the questions to ask.

Q **How do I find out how much to bid for the property I want?**

A All properties will have a guide price with the property details or in a separate list inside the catalogue. If not, ring the auctioneer. The guide price is agreed between the auctioneer and vendor and indicates the price the seller would accept pre-auction.

Q **Does that mean you can buy a property before the sale?**

A Always worth a try as the seller wants to sell. This way you avoid having to go to the sale. Karim Kassam of Kenneth Elliott and Rowe, the solicitor, said: "Pre-auction there is no risk of being pipped at the post. There is no reason why you can't make approaches."

Q **Is the guide price the same as the reserve price?**

A No. The reserve is a secret price agreed between the auctioneer and the seller just before the auction. It is the lowest the seller will accept, based on how many potential buyers have seen the property or asked for the details on it in the weeks between catalogue publication and the auction. If bids do not reach the reserve, the property may be withdrawn, though the seller may still negotiate.

Q **Should I bother to pay for solicitors and surveyors when I may not get the property?**

A If you need a mortgage, your lender will insist on a survey for valuation purposes and that legal documents (title deeds, leases, searches) are checked by a solicitor. If you are a cash buyer, you can take any risks you like. But the risks are high — many properties go to auction when legal or structural problems make them difficult to sell. Get all the information you can. Remember that even in private treaty sales, you are not guaranteed to get the property until you have exchanged contracts, by which time you could have run up big legal bills.

Q **What legal documents should I expect to get?**

A The auctioneer will issue basic terms and conditions for all properties in the auction which are binding on all bidders. An important condition is that you must pay a deposit, normally 10 per cent, when the hammer falls, and complete in the next month to six weeks. You must have your finance ready before the auction or risk court action. Some properties have special conditions on deposits. On top of this contract, sellers may prepare packages of legal documents for bidders including searches, leases, deeds and pre-contract inquiries already answered by the seller on items such as maintenance, repairs, service charges and planning permission. If there is no package, contact the seller's solicitor (listed in the auction catalogue).

Q **How do I actually bid? Will the auctioneer know I want to bid?**

A Yes. He may already know you are interested if he has shown you round the property. Catch his eye with a gesture, eg, raising your arm. Once you have started, the price will rise in increments decided by the auctioneer depending on the property's price. According to Mike Logan Wood of Hambro Countrywide, those of £50,000 or over should go up in £1,000 increments.

Q **What happens next if I am the lucky bidder on a property?**

A You sign the contract and pay the deposit. Mr Logan Wood said: "It is drilled into people that they need the cash. The other day someone bought then said he had not got the money. We told him to go and get it then and there." Failing to pay could mean a trip to court.

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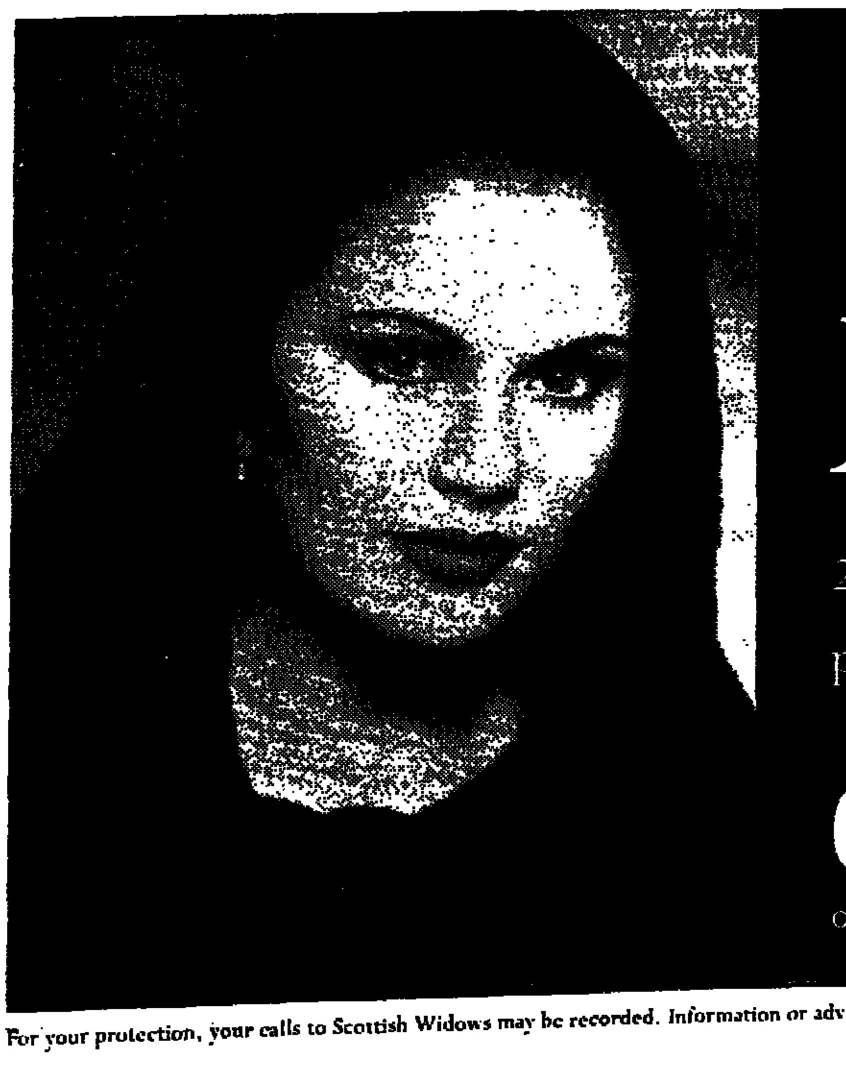

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Nathan Yates on a shake-up poised to energize fund managers

Predators on the prowl

The slough in investment trust prices has locked thousands of investors into poor performing funds. In one of the unspoken scandals of the financial industry, trust directors have failed to act to prevent discounts from widening, and shareholders are faced with the bleak choice of either staying put or selling at heavy losses.

But though analysts say trust directors are doing too little to facilitate an escape, some maintain that the outlook is less bleak than it appears. They believe that boardroom behaviour will change, and a rash of restructurings and even takeovers could soon help shareholders to break free from sluggish trusts. For trust speculators, there could also be rich pickings available.

Next month SBC Warburg will launch a predatory fund aimed at extracting value from ailing elements of the investment trust sector. Scottish Undervalued Assets Trust, the existing trust which targets weaker funds, now has several holdings of more than 20 per cent. And Sierra Trading, the US predator, is quietly building its stake in this market.

Signs that corporate activity is about to break out will come as welcome news to investment trust shareholders. When an investment trust is unpopular, it is sold at a discount to the value of its assets, and since 1994 the average discount on all trusts has more than doubled from 4 per cent to 11 per cent, amid a record bull run for other sectors. There is now a gulf of £6 billion between the asset value of investment trusts and their value on the stock exchange.

The discount on some trusts is more than 20 per cent, and investors who bought when the sector was more buoyant cannot escape from these without a loss. Though directors could act to return value to shareholders, they are refusing to do so in many cases.

"There is a marked reluctance from fund managers to allow opportunities for shareholders to realise value," said Donald Robertson of Scottish Value, the parent company of Scottish Undervalued Assets trust. "Some managers think the trust's capital is their money — it is as though shareholders are a necessary evil."

This is a situation which must and will change, according to a report by Credit Lyonnais Laing. The report claims that the investment trust sector is in danger of sliding into "relative obscurity" if boards do not take action. It predicts a further widening of the average discount to 20 per cent, but says this will be followed by large scale rationalisation. Institutional investors share the perception that it is time for a change in attitude from investment trust boards.

TRUST WATCH

Hermes, the fund manager that has holdings in more than 100 investment trusts, has demanded a review of the regulation of boardroom appointments. It believes that too many directors have greater connections with the interests of fund managers than those of investors.

In the investment trust sector, 50 per cent of the assets are owned by just 10 per cent of the companies, and it is in the extensive bargain basement of smaller trusts that the more acute problems have occurred. Shareholders who bought into the spate of new issues in 1994 and 1995 have been particularly badly hit.

Buyers of Edinburgh New Tiger fund on issue have seen prices sink from 50p to below 25p. The share price of Taverners trust has fallen 25 per cent since its launch. "After the binge of new launches in the early 90s, we are now seeing the hangover," said Hamish Buchan of NatWest.

Directors have a number of options which they can exercise in pursuit of a narrower discount. The board may decide to reduce the supply of shares by buying some back. Alternatively, ordinary shares can be replaced with convertible bonds, or the trust can borrow or "gear" more in an attempt to boost assets. An investment trust may be "unitised" or converted into a unit trust, the price of which is not affected by market demand. Most drastically, a trust may be wound up and the assets paid back to shareholders in a cash settlement.

Those who claim change is on its way point to glimmerings of boardroom action. This week it was announced that the John Govett Global Smaller Companies trust will be unitised, and Mercury European Privatisation trust has indicated that it will buy back a further batch of shares this summer in its fight against widening discounts.

Many analysts think a spate of takeovers will force boards into action. In this context, it could be a mistake for imprisoned investment trust shareholders to sell now. "People should not be selling their investment trusts at this point," said Justin Harris of HSBC James Capel. "An improvement in board performance is likely, and a number of companies are promoting corporate activity. If you are able to pick the right funds, it could be a very good time to start speculating on takeovers."

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A £15m windfall goes begging

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Some of the unclaimed prizes go back to 1957, the year Aston Villa beat Manchester United in the FA cup final, and Crepello, ridden by Lester Piggott, won the Derby. It was also the year of the first Premium Bond prize draw. From that year, two £25 prizes are yet to be claimed. This year, Ernie is celebrating his 40th anniversary with a drive to match up the missing prizes with their rightful owners. One £25,000 prize is still to be claimed. The number of prizes yet to be matched to their rightful owners has now reached 250,000 — however, this only represents 0.5 per cent of all those drawn.

National Savings makes every effort to try to contact those who have won a prize. It checks electoral rolls and Department of Social Security records. National Savings officials try for 18 months to find those who have failed to collect their money.

Prizes are drawn on a monthly basis. This month, for example, 432,000 prizes will be drawn with a total value of £32 million. Lists of monthly premium bond winning numbers can be obtained through the Post Office. The full list of unclaimed prize-winning numbers is published in *The London Gazette*, also available at the Post Office. A National Savings spokeswoman said that those who have not changed address should not believe immediately that they will be the recipient of the unclaimed prizes.

She said: "Only those who have moved and have not informed the National Savings department could have missed out on a prize."

CAROLINE MERRELL

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE

IF YOU have lost your premium bonds, but believe that you could have won, then it is possible to claim your prize. However, you must prove your identity, usually through matching up signatures.

If you are lucky enough to win a prize in a Premium Bond draw, then National Savings will write to confirm the win. It is therefore important that National Savings is told of any change of address. This can be done by completing the holder's card issued at the same time as the bonds, or by writing directly to Premium Bonds National Savings FY3 9YP.

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Lazy daze: but don't forget to complete and send off your self-assessment tax form before jetting off to the sun

The tax-form blues

Karen Zagor with a reminder for the holiday season

If you have put your newly minted self-assessment tax form to the bottom of the mail pile until the end of the summer holidays, think again. The first deadline for tax returns under the new rules is September 30, and if you dally too long, you could make life unnecessarily complicated. Until that date, you merely need to fill in the right boxes on the form and the Revenue will calculate your tax liabilty. Once the deadline is passed, you will have to do your own calculations, or pay a professional. And if you delay beyond January 31, 1998, you could face a £100 fine.

So far, only a tiny fraction of the roughly 8.5 million taxpayers affected by self-assessment have filled in their forms. The Revenue says it had received about 450,000 forms by May 31. Fear of form-filling appears to be deterring a large number of people from tackling their tax forms. The fears may be justified. But according to some estimates, there have been errors in more than 60 per cent of the completed tax forms. The Revenue says its own anecdotal evidence does not support this, but it does estimate that up to 45 per cent of self-assessment tax forms might have to be "corrected or repaired".

So what can you do to avoid becoming another self-assessment statistic? The first thing to remember is that you cannot avoid filling in the forms, so leave plenty of time. The Revenue said: "If people are hurrying to fill in the forms before a deadline they may not dot all the i's and cross all the t's. For example, people do not always remember to sign the form."

For the most straightforward cases, such as higher-rate taxpayers with one source of income, the forms should pose few problems. But even they will need to be organised to avoid making silly mistakes. The first step for all taxpayers is to read through the forms to make sure all the relevant pages are present. The standard form has eight pages, but this is mainly designed for pensioners with limited investments. Most people will need supplemental pages. An employee, for example, will need an extra two pages for every job, and extra pages are also necessary if you inherit money, receive dividends or make capital gains or losses.

The next step is to gather all your records together. Taxpayers now must provide evidence of any claims made — so hold onto bank records showing interest on deposit accounts, P60 statements of income, P11D forms for perks and any documents related to a tax claim.

Fill in every relevant box on the form. A form with blanks or partially answered questions will lead to a form needing to be "repaired". Gerry Hart, head of UK operations of the Tax Team, advises people to watch out for question 13 which asks if you have any other income not already mentioned. "You are just asked to give the figures, but if you do not explain where the money is from it is likely that your return will come back with a question from the Revenue. It is always better to anticipate the Revenue, so we recommend that you spell out to what the other income relates."

Employees with perks and company directors should wait until they receive P11D forms before completing a return. Many will have not yet received their P11D forms because employers do not need to file them until July 5. Anyone who has made a profit from an employers' share option scheme should check with the Revenue before filling in the form. The notes would have you enter the details as untaxed income but in many cases it should be registered as extra income from employment.

But if at any stage you do not understand the instructions, ring your own tax office (the number should be included with your tax form), or in the evenings and at weekends call the Revenue helpline on 0645 000 444 or go to a Tax Inquiry Centre — listed under Inland Revenue in telephone directories.

The Revenue provides a booklet to help taxpayers to calculate their tax liabilities, and even if you intend to have the Revenue do the calculations, it is worth having your own set against which to check the Revenue's. It has been known to make big mistakes in its tax calculations, which can be costly to taxpayers who do not know how much tax they should pay.

If you seek help, make sure accountants are members of the Chartered Institute of Taxation or the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Other help includes the Tax Team (0800 393 520), with tax services from £75, and the Royal Bank of Scotland's TaxCheck Service from £95.

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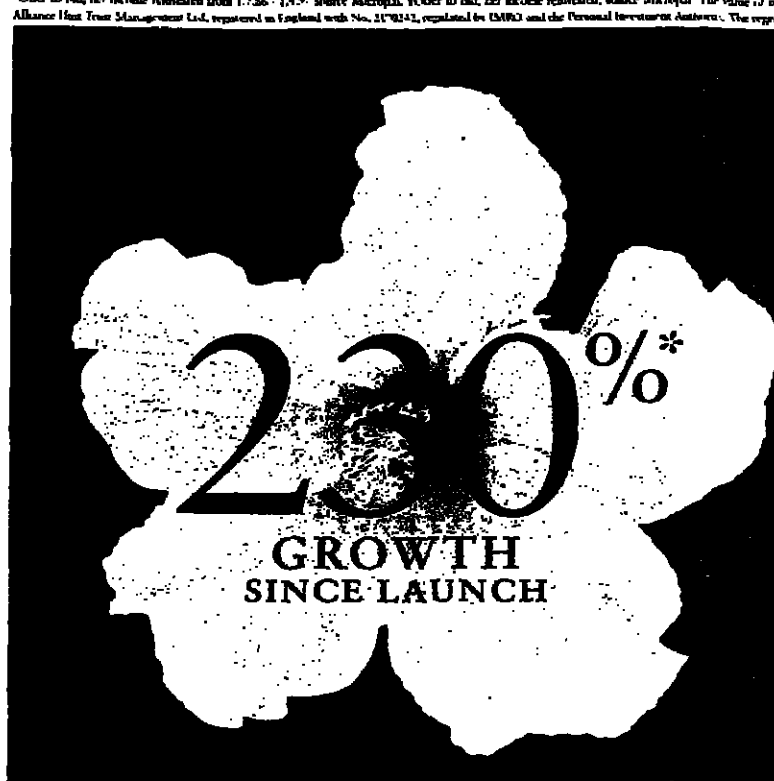

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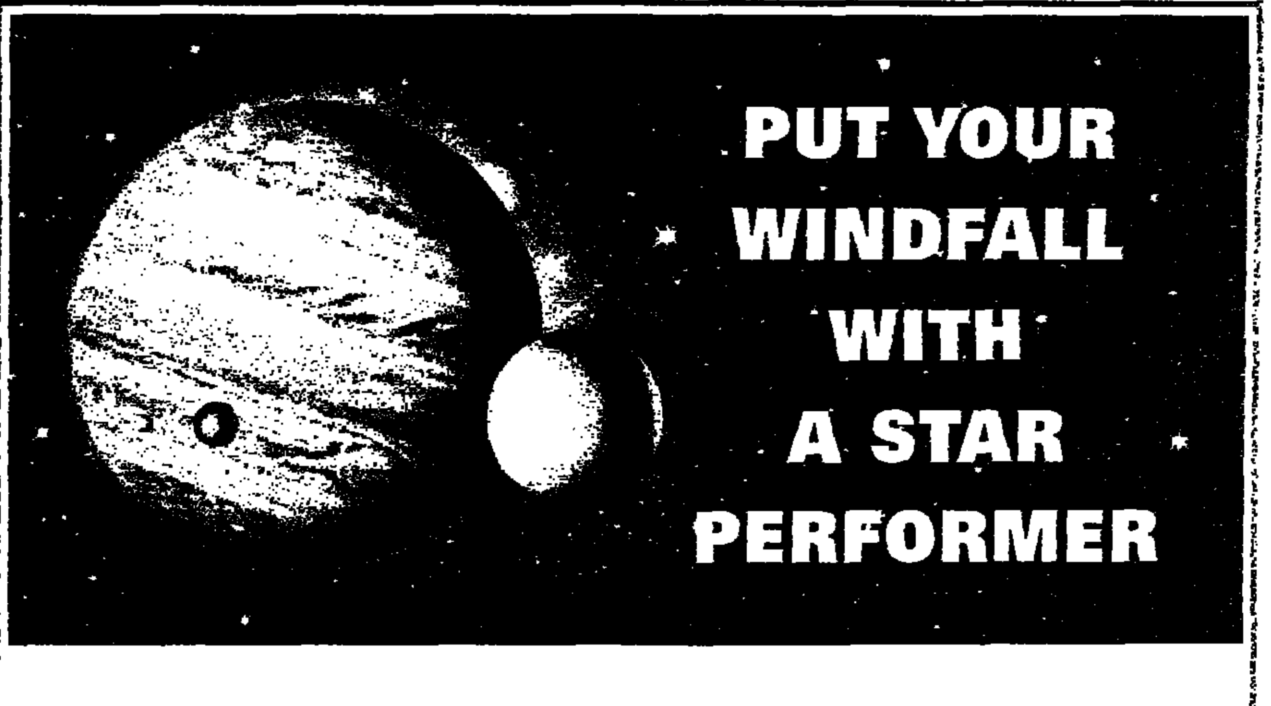

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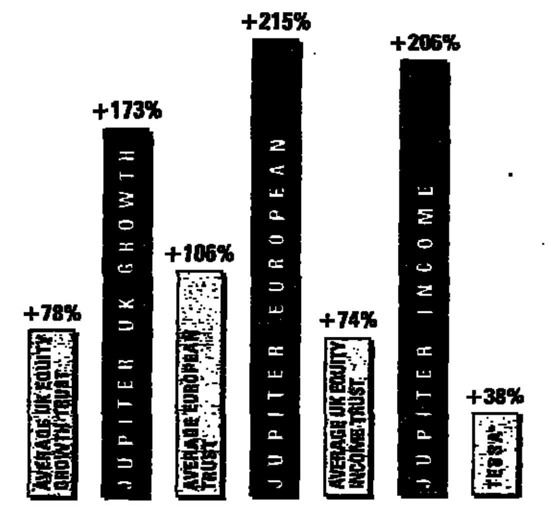

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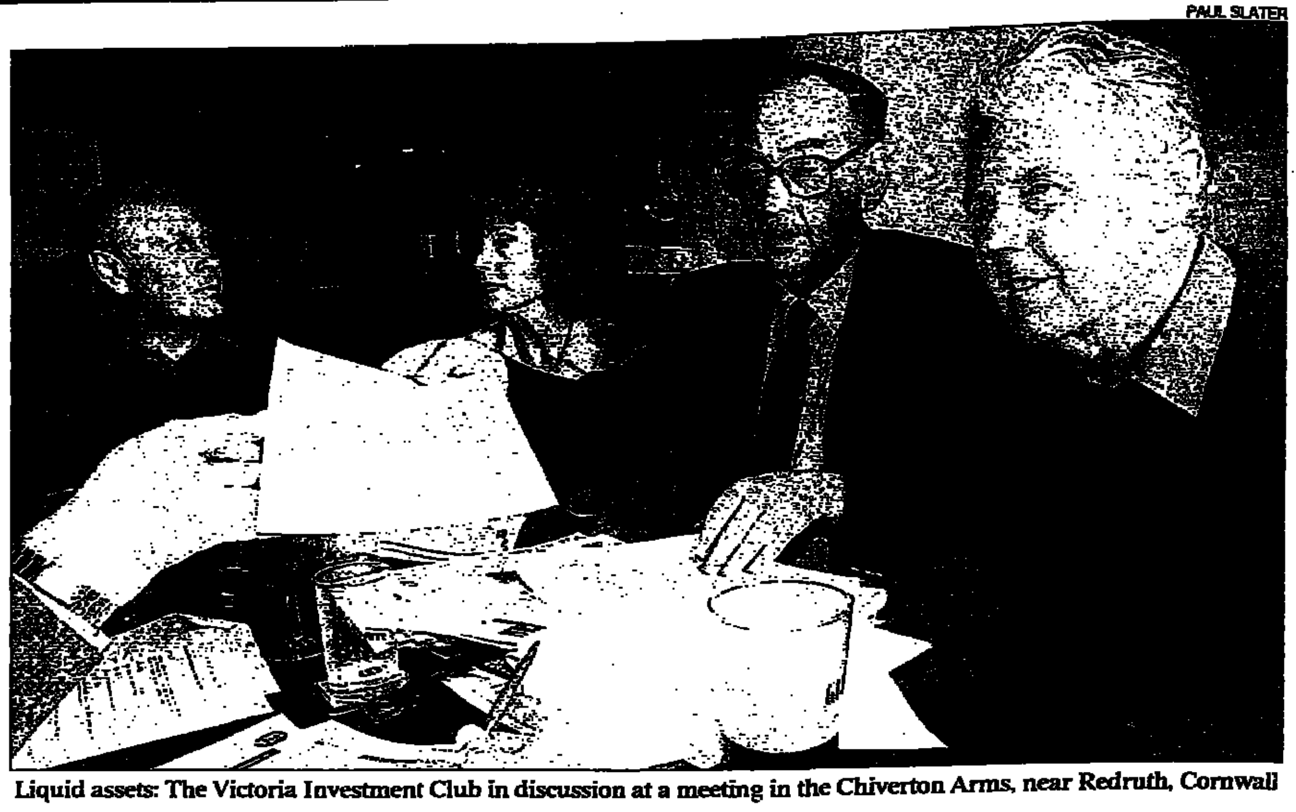

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Liquid assets: The Victoria Investment Club in discussion at a meeting in the Chiverton Arms, near Redruth, Cornwall

Small clubs look for a share of the action

Matthew Wall

on the groups that put fun into playing the stock market

The windfall share bonanza caused by the demutualisation of building societies and insurance companies has given wider share ownership a terrific boost. The number of private shareholders is set to double to about 18 million by the end of this year. This renewed interest in shares has had a knock-on effect for investment clubs, which are currently enjoying a surge in popularity. ProShare. the lobby group which promotes wider share ownership and encourages investment clubs. now has 944 affiliated clubs. compared with 425 at the start of the year.

The clubs have an average of 15 members each typically contributing £25 a month. If clubs have more than 20 members they run into complications since they are then considered to be companies and have greater record-keeping responsibilities. Most clubs start out purely as excuses for vigorous socialising but they often become more serious in their approach when they realise there is real money to be made on the stock market.

The Times **paid a call to two clubs at different ends of the country. Weekend Money will be keeping a regular check on the performance of their portfolios.**

Derek Richards, chairman and co-founder of the Victoria Investment Club from Truro, Cornwall, said: "Two years ago we were going about our share selections in a slap-dash manner, almost using a lucky pin. We backed a lot of losers and took a caning as a result. Quite frankly. we were incompetent but enjoying ourselves tremendously."

The club was formed about three years when the three core members were joined by friends and colleagues. There are now 20 members. including bankers, insurance managers, and doctors. each contributing £25 a month. Profits are taken on a regular basis.

A 22 per cent loss in the value of their portfolio finally persuaded them to get serious. At the regular monthly meeting. three different investment strategies were proposed. from low risk blue-chip stocks to high-risk smaller companies.

Initially they decided to play safe and go for the blue-chip portfolio. but by the end of the meeting they had plumped for the spicy version of small companies with market capitalisations of £100 million and less.

"But we instituted a strict stop-loss policy," Derek says. "If shares fall in value by 15 per cent, say, we sell no matter what. As long as you keep a close eye on small companies I don't think they are necessarily any riskier than big ones."

Since the change of strategy, the club has been doing better and in February they were voted ProShare Investment Club of the Year and awarded £2,000.

After 12 years the Victoria Club's portfolio is worth £23,500, comprising 14 stocks, six of which were bought over the past two months. Performance figures are hard to come by given the club's historically relaxed attitude.

The portfolio is divided into units of equal value and members can buy and sell units as they want. The club uses City Deal, the execution-only stockbroker, and as there is plenty of chopping and changing in the portfolio, dealing costs do mount. They pay £9-10 per trade of £1,000 and below.

A four-member investment panel meets twice a month and makes share recommendations to the rest of the club. Any member can recommend a company and final decisions are made democratically.

The panel is authorised to sell shares in between meetings should particular stocks suddenly fall in value. *Company Refs*, the company data manual, is thumbed regularly to assess the financial strength of fancied companies, which are chosen after reading newspapers. magazines and using common sense about sectors likely to do well in the current economic circumstances.

Star-performing stocks have included W F Electrical. which wasbought 18 months ago at 410p, and which is now at 674p, and Parity. bought at 240p, and now at the 549p mark.

Maydown Mergers, a fellow ProShare award-winning investment club based in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, favours even smaller companies in its portfolio, concentrating on those with market capitalisations of £50 million or less.

All 19 members work for a textile fibres company and tend towards companies in similar fields. They subscribe to *Techinvest*, a technology-orientated share-tipping magazine. They like local companies such as Powerscreen and high-risk biotechnology companies such as Peptide Therapeutics. They are also beginning to look at new issues in the hope of making short-term gains. Performance has been moderate with the club's £12,000 investment now worth around £13,000 after 14 months. Nigel Bevington, secretary. admits: "We don't do enough research and we're taking a bath on some of our recent buys."

Both clubs have come to realise that investing is not glorified gambling. The more effort you put in. the greater the rewards.

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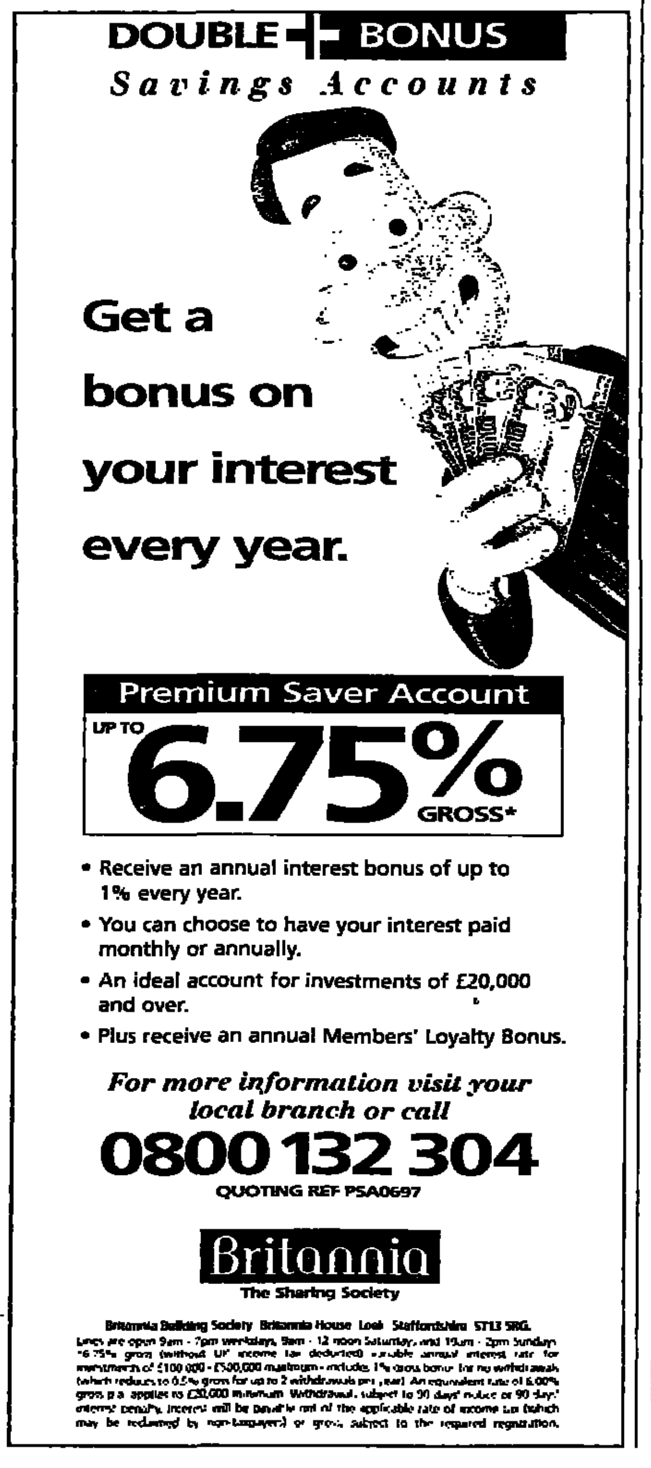

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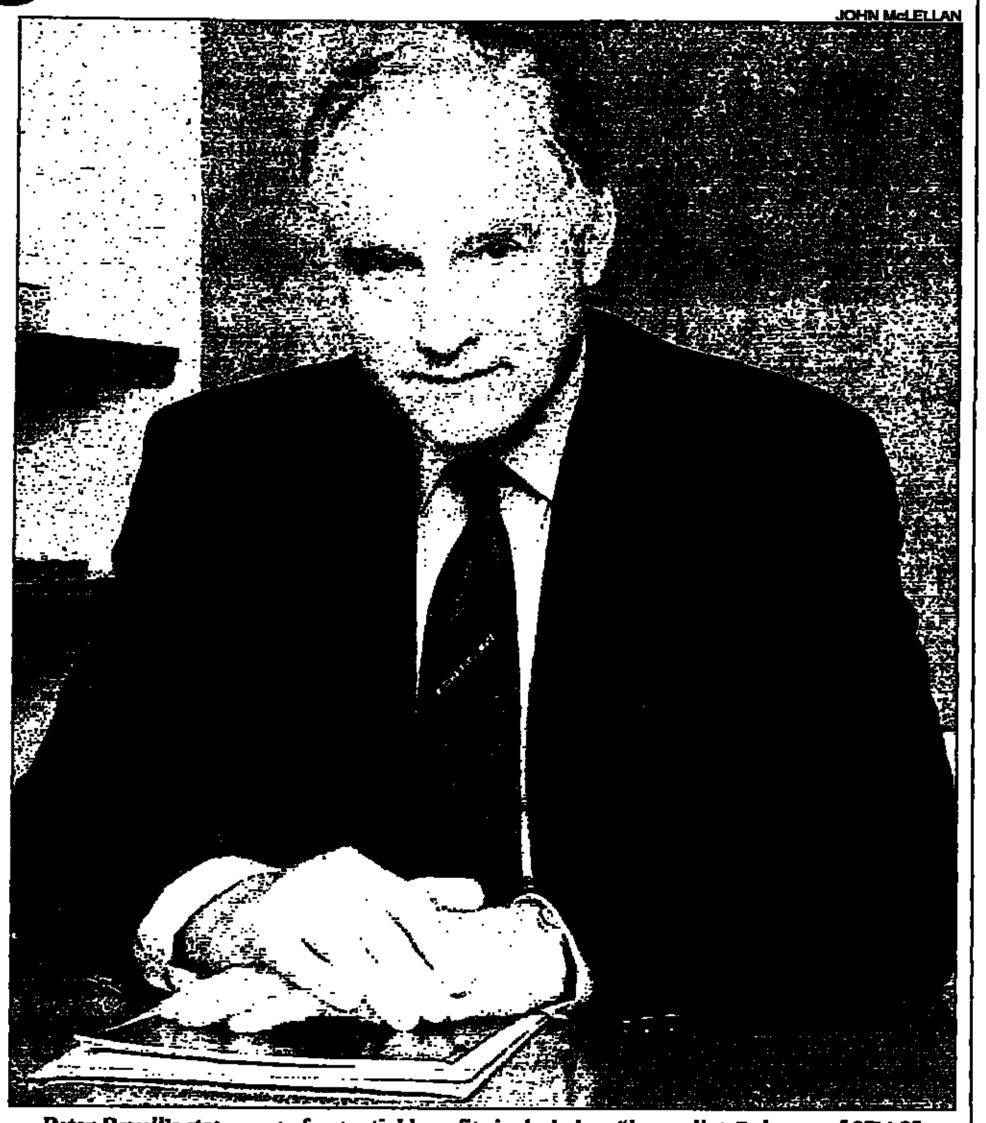
Pension charge with sting-in-the-tail feel

Sara McConnell
on why paying an insurer to buy your annuity can seem like "the last straw"

JOHN McLELLAN



Peter Revell's statement of potential benefits included an "immediate" charge of £514.95

By the time they retire most people with personal pensions will quite justifiably feel that they *have paid more than* enough in charges.

When they set up the schemes large chunks of their investment are likely to be absorbed by the insurer's administration charges and salesmen's commission.

Throughout their working lives, a proportion of each contribution goes straight into the insurer's coffers in ongoing management charges and policy fees.

So it can be the last straw for many people to be told that a further charge will apparently be levied by the insurer for the onerous task of buying an annuity with the accumulated fund on retirement.

Peter Revell, a reader of Weekend Money, writes: "I have just asked for a statement of potential benefits from my policy as I may retire later this year. I attach a copy of their figures.

"What somewhat surprised me was the charge of £514.95 'payable immediately' in connection with 'arrangement and servicing'. Naturally no one from Allied Dunbar mentioned this before. Is this the normal practice on such pension plans with all companies?"

Weekend Money replies:
What Allied Dunbar has sent you is a standard illustration of the benefits you can expect in retirement. It shows how much you will get as a tax-free lump sum and how much pension income you will receive annually, if you buy your annuity (the lump sum investment from which your pension will actually be paid) from Allied Dunbar.

At the bottom of the form, you learn that Allied Dunbar will charge a fee of £514.95 "for arranging and servicing" your plan. This fee, "payable immediately", is said to be "determined by the size of the investment". In short, Allied Dunbar is proposing to charge £515 for arranging an annuity.

But you do not need to write a cheque for this amount, as it has already been factored into your prospective pension payout. If you accept the quotation, the company will simply help itself to the fee as part of the deal.

Billy Burrows of Annuity Direct, the specialist adviser, points out that the cost has an impact on your pension income as the level of charges affect your pension. Some insurers will give you a better annuity rate than others, which partly reflects their charges and partly their keenness to be in the market.

Salesmen are normally paid a commission of 1 per cent to set up annuities. In your case this would be about £420, with the rest accounting for Allied Dunbar's expenses. Tony Reardon, Allied Dunbar's pensions development director, says: "People need advice on what benefits they can choose and what guarantees they need."

But you have the right to take your pension fund to another insurer offering a better rate. This is called the open market option. Currently Norwich Union, Canada Life and Equitable Life have some of the best annuity rates on the market.

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Equitable Life*	4.50%	0.70%	£93,100
Norwich Union	5%	0.70%	£91,100
Marks & Spencer**	3%	0.80%	£88,500
Scottish Widows	5%	0.90%	£87,500
Legal & General	5%	0.70%	£87,200
Virgin	0%	1.10%	£83,000
Pension Store***	2%	1.18%	£76,225

Source: Company's illustration, single premium of £12,500, 25 years at 9%. *ELAS bid/offer varies with fund choice and contribution level. **Marks & Spencer use a tiered bid/offer spread. ***Pension Store uses [illegible] 'admin' fee

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THE TIMES MONEY INFORMATION SERVICE

Pet policy includes charity incentive

Of the 6.9 million dogs and 7.2 million cats that reside in more than half of all UK households, just one in eight is currently insured. Churchill, the pet insurer, will be donating £1 to the RSPCA for every policy taken out. Its pet insurance offers vets' fees for each course of treatment including hospital care and alternative medicine, third-party liability of up to £2 million for damage or injury caused by your pet and the purchase price or replacement price of your pet up to £350 for lost animals. The standard annual premium is £90 for a pedigree dog and there is no age limit for pets. Call 0121-626 7890.

■ TO HELP those in mid-career to improve their pension income, Age Concern has produced its *1997-98 Pensions Handbook* which examines the three types of pension schemes available: state, occupation and personal. The handbook covers topics including pension safety, drawing and deferring your pension, and increasing your pension by paying voluntary contributions. The guide also advises on what to do if you have been mis-sold a personal pension. Send a cheque for £6.95 to Age Concern England, Pensions Handbook, Freepost, London, SW16 4BR. Also available in bookshops.

■ WOOLWICH Building Society has announced that its current account customers aged 18 and over have been given a complimentary £50 overdraft facility. Customers who overdraw up to £50 will not be charged, but interest for unauthorised overdrafts will be charged at 29.5 per cent. Credit protection insurance will be given to new eligible overdraft holders.

■ *THE Which? Guide to an Active Retirement* unravels the complexities of tax, pensions, insurance and investments. The guide reflects new financial legislation, such as the advent of tax self-assessment, looks at what pension options are available and looks at planning for long-term health care. The book includes a section on working after formal retirement, whether in a new job, setting up a business or joining the voluntary sector. It costs £12.99 and is available from bookshops or by calling Which? Ltd on 0800 252100.

LIZANNE ROSE

SAVERS' BEST BUYS

INSTANT ACCESS ACCOUNTS	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Sainsbury's Bank 0500 405060	Instant Acc	Instant	£1	5.75	Yly
Nationwide BS 0500 302010	InvestDirect	Postal	£500	6.40	Yly
Alliance & Leic 0645 228858	First Cls Inst	Postal	£10,000	6.85	Yly
Stafford Railway BS 01785 223212	First Cls Ret	Postal	£10,000	7.00	Yly

NOTICE ACCOUNTS & BONDS	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
First National BS 0800 558844	30 Day Notice	30 day p	£25,000	6.60	Yly
Coventry BS 0345 665522	Postal 50	50 day p	£1,000	6.35	Yly
Irish Permanent 0800 973321	Extra Post	60 day p	£3,000	6.50	Yly
Hanley Economic BS 0800 838811	Postal 90	90 day p	£25,000	7.00	Yly

FIRST TESSAS (TAX FREE)	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Sun Banking Corp 01438 744505	Fxd+feeder a/c	5 year	£8,575	7.55	F/Yly
Investec Bank (UK) 0171 203 1650	Premier+feeder	5 year	£9,000	7.35	Yly
Principality BS 01222 344188		5 year	£500	7.15	Yly
Bradford & Bingley BS 0800 592588		5 year	£500	7.00	Yly

CREDIT CARDS BEST BUYS

CREDIT CARDS	Card type	Interest per month	APR%	Fee per annum
RBS Advanta 0800 077770	Visa	0.79%N	9.90%N	Nil
Capital One Bank 0800 669000	Visa	0.79%N	9.90%N	Nil
Co-operative Bank 0800 109000	Advantage Visa	0.87%C	10.90%	Nil

PERSONAL LOANS BEST BUYS

PERSONAL LOANS	APR	Monthly payment on £3,000 for 3yrs with insurance	no insurance
Northern Rock BS 0345 421421	11.90%H	£112.82	£102.49
Direct Line 0181 6809966	13.90%A	£112.07	£101.33
Bank of Scot Bank Dir 0800 805805	13.90%	£116.75	£101.33

Nb. A = Minimum age 22 years. Holders of comprehensive motor insurance policy or lenders existing customers, B = Withdrawals via Bank Clearing System, C = no interest free period, F = Fixed Rate (all other rates variable), H = Higher rate applies if insurance not arranged, N = Introductory rate for a limited period, P = By Post only

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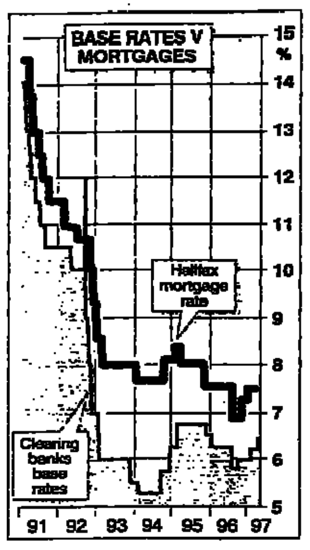
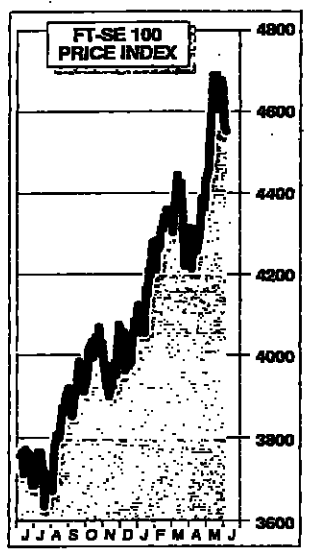
Source: MoneyFacts, the Monthly Guide to Investment & Mortgage Rates (01692 500 677)





NATIONAL SAVINGS

	Gross rate	At tax rates 20%	40%	Min/maximum investmnt £	Notice	Contact
Ordinary A/c[1]	1.50	1.20	0.90	10-10,000**		0645 645000
Investment A/c*[3]	4.75	3.80	2.85	20-500***	1mth	0645 645000
Income Bond*[6]	6.00	4.80	3.60	2,000-25,000**	3mth	0645 645000
First Opt Bond[4]	6.25	5.00	3.75	1,000-20,000**		0645 645000
44th Issue Cert†[2]	5.35			100-10,000	8day	0645 645000
Children's Bond†	6.75			25-1,000	1mth	0645 645000
Gen Ext Rate	3.51					0645 645000
Capital Bond[5]	6.65	5.32	3.99	100-250,000	8day	0645 645000
10th Index Linked†[5]	2.50			100-10,000	8day	0645 645000
Pensnrs Bond S3	7.00	5.60	4.20	500-50,000[5]	60day	0645 645000

[1] first £70 (£140 jt) of int tax free. inst accs for up to £100 ² Unlimited additional hldgs for reinvested proceeds †Tax free *Rates gross and vble ₓGuaranteed when held for 5 years ³0.2% net bonus for £20,000+ ⁴£100,000 jt in addition to S1 and S2 holdings ⁵Taxable but cred in full ⁶£500-100,000 earn higher rates. **Tiered rates apply.

PENSION ANNUITIES

All figures are the gross annual annuity (£100,000 purchase), guaranteed 5 years, paid monthly in advance

SINGLE LIFE (level ann)	Male: Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Generali ....Level	£ 9,551	£10,594	£11,952
Canada Life..........Level	£ 9,502	£10,587	£12,065
Sun Lf of Can.......Level	£ 9,508	£10,557	£11,987
Standard Lf ....Level	£ 9,404	£10,496	£11,900
Norwich Un ....Level	£ 9,468	£10,476	£11,816

SINGLE LIFE	Female: Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Prudential ....Level	£8,939	£ 9,745	£10,931
Canada Life ....Level	£8,800	£ 9,614	£10,804
Generali ....Level	£8,656	£ 9,516	£10,704
Norwich Un ....Level	£8,750	£ 9,513	£10,664
Sun Lf of Can........Level	£8,761	£ 9,510	£10,607

JOINT LIFE, 2/3 WIDOWS (level annuity)	Male: Age 60 Female: Age 55	Age 65 Age 60	Age 70 Age 65
Norwich Un...........Level	£8,567	£9,097	£9,761
Prudential ....Level	£8,461	£8,995	£9,815
Canada Life ....Level	£8,370	£8,994	£9,878
Sun Lf of Can.......Level	£8,379	£8,962	£9,789
Generali ....Level	£8,325	£8,959	£9,829

Source: Annuity Direct (0171 588 9393)

Statistics compiled by Lizanne Rose

GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS

ANNUAL INCOME

Rates as at June 5, 1997

	Investment (£)	Company	Standard Rate (%)
1 Year			
	5,000	GE Financial Assur	6.00
	10,000	AIG Life	6.05
	20,000	GE Financial Assur	6.15
	50,000	GE Financial Assur	6.25
2 Years			
	1,000	Hambro Assured	5.30
	10,000	Hambro Assured	6.05
	20,000	Hambro Assured	6.20
	50,000	Hambro Assured	6.25
3 Years			
	1,000	Hambro Assured	5.40
	3,000	ITT London & Ed	6.30
	20,000	GE Financial Assur	6.33
	50,000	GE Financial Assur	6.43
4 Years			
	1,000	Hambro Assured	5.85
	3,000	ITT London & Ed	6.35
5 Years			
	1,000	Hambro Assured	5.80
	3,000	ITT London & Ed	7.00

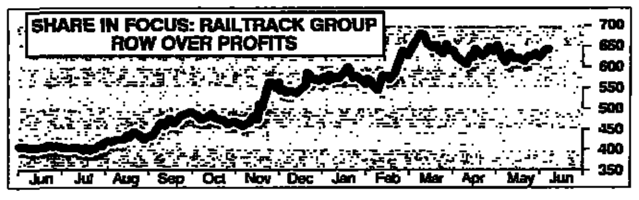
Source: Chamberlain de Broë 0171-434 4222. Net rates. Income and capital guaranteed. Early surrender. Terms vary. Monthly income may be available.

PIBS

FIXED RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	% Gross yield	Issue price	Minimum purchase amount
Birmingham Midshires	9.375%	112.66	8.298	100.17	1,000
Bradford & Bingley	11.625%	137.93	8.428	100.13	10,000
Bradford & Bingley	13.000%	154.15	8.433	100.20	10,000
Bristol & West	13.375%	159.14	8.405	100.34	1,000
Britannia	13.000%	154.15	8.433	100.42	1,000
Coventry	12.125%	143.93	8.379	100.75	1,000
First National	11.750%	138.43	8.488	100.25	10,000
Halifax	8.750%	107.53	8.137	100.62	50,000
Halifax	12.000%	141.81	8.067	100.28	50,000
Halifax	13.625%	162.88	8.197	100.00	50,000
Leeds & Holbeck	13.375%	158.58	8.434	100.23	1,000
Newcastle	10.750%	128.28	8.354	100.32	1,000
Newcastle	12.625%	149.73	8.432	100.45	1,000
Northern Rock	12.625%	151.87	8.313	100.14	1,000
Skipton	12.875%	152.68	8.433	100.48	1,000

FLOATING RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	Issue price	Minimum purchase
Cheshire (30/09-27/03)	9.04063%	114.00	100.00	1,000
First Nat(22/09-20/03)	9.12031%	104.00	100.00	1,000

PIBS = Permanent interest-bearing shares
Source ABN AMRO Hoare Govett — 0171 601 0101



LARGER LENDERS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Alliance & Leic 0800 412214	4.60	£30-150k	95	3% discount to 1.5.98
Woolwich Local Branch	4.60	£20-200k	50	2.5% disc-12mth plus 2.5% cshbk
Nationwide 0800 302010	4.39	£150-300k	90	2.6% disc-1 yr
Banks				
Bank of Ireland 01189 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	6.77% disc-6 mth 3% disc-6 mths
Midland 0800 494 999	4.35	£100k+	80	3% discount for 1 year

LARGER LOANS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Scarborough 0990 133149	0.25	£30-100k	95	6.99%dsc-6mths, 2%-6mth,0.5%-1y
Nottingham Imper 0115 9817220	0.75	£25-150k	75	Fixed at 0.75% to 31.1.98
Staffordshire 01902 711525	1.49	to £200k	80	6% disc-1.9.98
Banks				
Bank of Ireland 01189 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	6.77%dsc-6 mth 3% dsc-6 mth
Alliance & Leic 0800 412214	4.60	to £250k	90	3% discount to 1.5.98

FIRST-TIME BUYERS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Derbyshire 01332 841000	4.20	to £250k	95	3.15% discount for 1 year
Newbury 01635 43676	4.35	£15-100k	95	3% discount for 12 months
Halifax 01422 333333	4.60	any	95	3%d-31.5.99,0.5% over SVR-31.5.04
Banks				
Bnk of Ireland 01189 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	6.77% disc 6 mths 3% disc 6 mths
Abbey National 01908 343400	4.89	to £125k	75	Fixed to 31.5.99

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Balanced	554.90	587.30	-3.40	...
UK Equity	739.70	782.80	-13.90	...
Property	431.20	456.40	+0.30	...
Fixed Interest	367.80	389.30	-2.00	...
Money	274.70	290.70	+0.20	...
International	462.00	488.90	-9.10	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 01202 292373				
Custodian S4	208.00	219.00	+1.20	...
Ethical S4	170.30	179.30	...	0.00
International S4	234.80	247.20	+2.70	...
Protected Gth S4	128.50	135.30	+0.10	...
Asian Pacific	222.50	234.30	+3.20	...
European S4	247.40	260.50	+5.40	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	419.00	441.10	+0.20	...
Equity Ser 4	292.80	308.30	-2.30	...
Man Ser 4	839.30	883.40	+1.60	...
Conv Ser 4	361.00	380.00	+0.70	...
Money Ser 4	360.60	379.60	+0.70	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	414.50	436.40	+2.40	...
American Ser 4	745.50	784.80	+7.30	...
High Inc Ser 4	901.00	948.50	-5.40	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	233.80	246.20	+0.80	...
Japan Ser 4	319.10	335.90	+5.30	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 01707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	2082.70	2192.30	-17.60	...
European Fd Acc	540.10	566.40	+10.30	...
Fixed Int Acc	592.30	623.50	-3.80	...
Gtd Money Acc	367.30	386.60	+0.30	...
Intl Managed Acc	795.10	836.90	-3.10	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	372.60	392.10	+2.30	..
Japan Fund	260.50	274.10	+5.10	...
N American Acc	461.10	485.40	+6.00	...
Prop Fd Acc	492.60	518.50	+0.60	..
Multiple Inv Acc	1307.00	1375.70	+0.70	.
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 01793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	412.80	434.60	+1.00	...
Equity Acc	1878.00	1976.90	+8.40	..
Property Acc	690.10	726.50	+0.70	..
Far East Acc	346.80	365.10	+6.40	...
Managed Capital	656.80	691.40	-3.00	..
-do- Acc	1419.00	1493.70	-6.80	...
Overseas Acc	1313.30	1382.40	-3.20	..
Gilt Edged Acc	582.60	613.30	-3.90	..
Amer Equity Acc	1247.60	1313.30	+7.80	..
Amer Man Acc	517.90	545.20	+3.30	...
Amer Prop Acc	117.50	123.70	+0.00	...
Distribution Bonds	26.50	27.90	..	..
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 01494 463463				
Reserve Ser 6	183.20	192.80	+0.50	..
Balced Ser 6	931.80	980.80	+1.00	..
Opportunity Ser 6	215.40	226.70	+0.80	...
Distribution Ser 6	108.30	114.00	-0.10	6.41
UK Equities Ser 6	1380.60	1453.20	-9.70	...
Higher Inc Ser 6	1394.80	1468.30	-16.50	...
North Amer Ser 6	638.60	672.20	-11.20	..
Far East Ser 6	599.80	631.30	-10.50	..
Europe Ser 6	544.50	573.10	+8.80	...
Intnl Ser 6	728.00	766.30	+9.70	.
Property Ser 6	618.60	651.20	...	.
Fixed Int Ser 6	512.30	539.10	+2.30	..
Ind-Lnkd Sec S6	203.90	214.60	+0.40	..
Gteed Dep Ser 6	328.40	345.60	+0.30	.
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 0181 534 5544				
Equity Acc	1180.90	1243.10	-11.70	.
-do- Initial	714.50	752.20	-7.10	.
Gilt Edged Acc	463.40	487.80	-3.60	..
-do- Initial	282.80	297.80	+2.30	.
International Acc	492.40	518.40	-12.20	..
-do- Initial	298.70	314.50	-7.50	
Managed Acc	685.00	721.10	-2.00	
-do- Initial	416.40	438.40	-1.50	..
Money Acc	320.60	337.50	+0.30	
Property Acc	329.90	347.30	+0.30	...
-do- Initial	200.20	210.80	+0.10	
America Acc	427.00	449.50	-2.90	
Far East Gwth	279.60	294.40	-0.30	..
Financial Acc	527.90	555.70	-6.80	..
Sml Accum	531.20	559.20	-3.60	...
Japan Acc	252.40	265.70	-7.00	.
Income Acc	682.70	718.70	-8.30	.
Leisure Acc	330.60	348.10	-3.00	.
Special Sits Acc	358.10	377.00	-3.80	.
Unit Tech Acc	201.30	211.90	+1.30	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 01634 834000				
The Managed Fd	1025.94	1025.94	-3.68	.
Income Fund	989.10	1040.11	-11.72	.
Extra Income	882.88	929.35	-11.29	.
Worldwide Gth	591.28	622.40	-3.19	
Balanced Fund	877.47	923.66	-10.52	.
Smllr Cos Recvy	1089.13	1146.46	-14.66	..
N Amer & Genrl	507.99	534.73	-5.00	..
Pacific Basin	436.10	459.12	+5.05	...
German Growth	298.35	314.06	+0.33	.
Japan Growth	168.62	177.50	+3.46	..
The UK Gth Fd	284.85	299.85	-3.44	.
Contl Euro Gth	184.08	193.77	-1.89	...
Property Fund	437.07	460.09	-0.55	..
Fixed Interest	386.49	406.84	+5.46	...
Cash Fund	311.44	327.84	+0.26	.
Managed Inv	612.30	644.53	-2.43	..
Nth Amer Recov	326.61	343.80	+9.93	...
Amtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	568.56	598.49	+11.45	.
BRITANNIA 50 Bothwell St, Glasgow G2 6HR 0141 248 2000				
Measured Perf	237.90	250.40	-0.90	..
Performance Plus	240.10	260.40	-1.10	
With Profit Perf	197.70	204.90	-0.20	...

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UK Opportunity	279.80	296.00	-2.90	...
Euro Opportunity	301.80	319.30	+3.50	...
North Amer Opp	262.40	277.60	+3.00	...
Far East Opp	226.60	239.80	-0.40	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	181.00	190.50	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	216.70	229.30	+0.20	...
Fixed Int	239.40	253.30	+1.60	...
Cash	174.20	184.20	+0.10	6.49
Overseas	283.60	300.10	-1.20	...
Formerly LAS				
Managed Fund	456.50	480.60	-1.90	...
UK Equity	846.50	891.10	-8.60	...
Property	299.10	314.90	+0.30	...
Money Market	276.00	290.60	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	347.80	366.20	+2.30	...
Japan	334.00	351.60	+3.70	...
North America	233.50	245.80	+2.70	...
International	438.30	461.40	+1.90	...
European	385.90	406.30	+4.40	...
Far East	167.80	176.70	-0.30	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 01707 51122				
Managed	422.40	444.70	-2.80	...
Property	284.40	299.40	+0.20	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	282.10	297.00	+2.30	...
Equity	508.70	535.50	-8.40	.
Cash	235.10	247.50	+0.30	..
CLife Euro Mgd	497.00	523.20	+1.00	...
CLife Intl Fd	409.20	430.90	+4.40	...
Managed Fund	901.90	949.40	-5.70	...
Property Fund	573.00	603.20	+0.60	...
Equity Fund	1255.40	1321.50	-20.80	...
Gilt Edged Fd	727.90	766.20	+6.10	...
Deposit Fund	364.20	383.40	..	.
Investment Fd	562.30	591.40	-8.60	..
International	651.30	685.60	+7.00	.
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 01908 606101				
Property Fund	178.80	188.30	..	.
Managed Fund	832.10	875.90	-4.50	..
Equity Fund	487.90	513.60	-7.90	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0117 9290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	368.10	387.50	+1.10	..
Ruby	212.40	223.60	+2.10	..
Emerald	164.30	173.00	+0.60	.
Equity	439.30	462.50	-1.80	...
Property	246.20	259.20	+0.30	.
Gilt & Fixed Int	242.80	255.60	+1.50	.
Indexed Secs	187.40	197.30	+0.60	
Cash	205.10	216.00	+0.20	...
Nth American	334.00	351.60	+3.40	..
Far East	318.60	335.40	+6.00	..
International	298.60	314.40	+3.50	..
Special Sits	470.10	494.90	+1.40	
Intl Income	395.70	416.60	+0.80	..
European	459.30	483.50	+9.50	..
Japanese	125.70	132.40	+3.60	...
SE Asia	428.50	451.10	-2.70	...
With Profits Reg	192.10	202.30	+0.20	.
-do- Spec	192.10	202.30	+0.20	.
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	439.20	462.40	+0.70	.
Equity	560.70	590.30	-4.10	...
Property	232.30	244.60	+0.20	.
Gilt & Fixed Int	317.70	334.50	+3.10	.
Index Linked	200.70	211.30	+0.50	...
Cash	282.60	297.50	+0.30	.
Nth American	421.70	443.90	+5.70	..
Far East Acc	331.40	348.90	+6.00	..
International Acc	380.80	400.90	+5.30	.
Special Sits	726.80	765.10	+3.90	.
European Flex	677.20	712.90	+13.70	.
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 01634 890 000				
(Units): Key 1	261.79	...	..	..
-do- Pacemaker 1	404.89	..	..	..
-do- Cash	221.83	233.51	+0.32	..
-do- Equity	722.07	760.09	-1.75	..
-do- Fxd Int	427.37	449.86	+3.40	..
-do- Managed	513.03	540.03	-2.32	..
-do- Property	378.56	398.49	-2.08	..
(Pens): Cash Cap	216.60	228.01	+0.18	..
-do- Cash Inv	346.16	364.39	+0.36	
-do- Equity Cap	1905.85	2006.17	-1.39	
-do- Equity Inv	3045.83	3206.15	-0.06	...
-do- Fixed Cap	456.94	480.11	+3.77	...
-do- Fixed Inv	731.46	772.07	+6.54	
-do- Index Cap	213.42	224.66	+0.53	..
-do- Index Inv	341.08	359.04	+1.10	.
-do- Mngd Cap	748.97	788.40	+1.10	.
-do- Mngd Inv	1196.96	1259.97	+2.59	..
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 0171 283 7500				
Var Anu Acc (51)	1040.40	...	-22.44	.
Var Ann (51)	117.14	...	-2.61	..
Prime Managed	513.50	540.60	-0.70	.
Prime UK Equity	664.80	699.80	-4.80	.
Prime Int Equity	362.90	382.00	-6.80	.
Prime Property	258.80	272.50	+0.10	.
Prime Fxd Int	271.00	285.30	+1.10	..
Prime Index-Lnk	189.50	199.50	+0.40	...
Prime Cash	226.10	238.00	+0.20	
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 01438 744840				
Managed Fund	1413.10	1487.40	-4.60	..
Equity II	2121.00	2235.30	-16.00	...
For Crown see Windsor				
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Montpellier Drive, Cheltenham. GL53 7LQ. 01242 221311				
Life Funds				
Ut With Pfts (5) 1	114.10	..	+0.10	
Secure (2) 1	109.20	...	+0.10	
Managed (3) 1	125.10		+0.40	
Equity Mngd (3) 1	125.40	..	+0.40	.
Adventurous (3) 1	119.00	...	+1.40	..

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Bristol & West (2) 1	110.50	...	+0.10	...
Equity Mgd S1	305.30	321.40	+0.80	...
Managed S1	304.00	320.10	+0.90	...
Adventurous S1	247.70	260.80	+3.50	...
Managed (2)	205.20	216.00	+0.60	...
Pension Funds				
Unit With Pfts (5) 1	113.80	...	+0.20	...
Secure (2) 1	109.40	...	+0.10	...
Managed (2) 1	123.20	...	+0.50	..
Equity Mngd (2) 1	124.90	...	+0.50	...
Adventurous (2) 1	118.70	..	+2.00	...
Bristol & West (2) 1	110.70	..	+0.10	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 0171 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	395.30	409.60	-4.60	0.01
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 01722 413366				
Managed	403.10	424.40	-0.40	...
UK Equity	555.90	585.20	-5.50	.
Stewardship	480.40	505.70	-3.90	..
Overseas Equity	375.20	395.00	-2.60	..
North American	223.80	235.60	-1.10	..
Pacific Basin	190.20	200.30	-2.30	..
European	359.10	378.10	+6.30	..
Property	190.20	200.30	+0.20	..
Fixed Interest	283.10	298.10	+2.60	..
Index Linked	190.10	200.20	+0.60	...
Cash	221.30	233.00	+0.20	..
FP Life Assurance ex NM				
Fixed Interest	627.60	660.60	+5.00	..
Managed	898.90	946.20	-1.90	...
Deposit	378.30	398.20	+0.40	..
Property	523.20	550.80	+0.60	...
American	616.70	649.10	-3.50	.
Australian	709.80	747.10	+5.10	..
European	840.20	884.40	+15.40	..
Income Acc	985.10	1036.90	-4.50	
-do- Dist	530.50	558.50	-18.40	4.62
International	392.80	413.40	+3.30	...
Japan Smaller	389.70	410.20	-7.90	..
Singapore & Mal	447.20	470.70	+5.80	
Smaller Cos	562.30	592.30	-7.40	
Tokyo Fund	622.30	655.00	-12.30	...
UK Equity	771.10	811.60	-10.70	.
CCM Mngd Mg	950.30	1000.30	-5.70	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 0171 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	341.60	359.60	+5.40	.
GT Plan Wwide	595.90	616.40	+6.30	
GAN LIFE & PENSIONS Gan House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 01279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	836.30	836.30	-2.60	..
-do- Inv A	836.20	880.30	-2.90	..
UK Equity	537.70	566.10	-2.80	..
Gilt Plus	232.30	244.70	+1.10	
Managed	379.90	400.00	-1.30	.
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier St, York YO1 1HR. 01904 628982				
Managed	269.90	284.00	-1.00	
Unitised Profit	163.20	171.80	+0.20	.
UK Equity	394.00	414.60	-1.50	..
Fixed Int	228.30	240.20	+1.20	..
Index-Linked	184.70	194.30	+0.60	..
Cash Deposit	191.00	200.90	+0.20	.
Property	187.20	197.00	+0.20	
International	219.90	231.20	+1.70	
American	244.60	257.60	+2.90	
Japan	223.20	234.90	+6.00	..
Japan Smllr Cos	229.60	240.50	+6.10	...
European	244.90	257.10	+5.90	
Pacific Fund	325.60	342.60	+3.20	...
Com Life	164.60	173.10	+0.00	..
Formerly Provident Mutual				
Managed Ord	616.20	648.60	+2.50	..
Managed Initial	387.00	403.20	+1.30	.
Equity Ord	995.70	1048.10	-9.70	..
Equity Init	619.20	651.00	-2.60	..
I-Linked Gilt Ord	225.10	236.90	+0.70	.
I-Linked Gilt Init	146.10	153.80	+0.30	..
Overs Equity Ord	471.30	496.10	+8.20	...
Oseas Equity Init	292.90	308.30	+4.90	.
Property Ord	290.80	306.10	+0.30	
Property Init	180.70	190.20		.
Fixed Int Ord	333.70	351.30	+1.80	
Fixed Int Init	207.40	218.30	+0.00	...
Deposit Ord	227.70	239.70	+0.20	
Deposit Initial	141.50	149.00		.
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 0171 283 7101				
Ast Prop Bds	899.40	947.40		.
Managed Initial	571.50	601.60	-0.80	
-do- Acc	869.70	915.40	-0.70	
Equity Initial	926.30	975.10	-10.90	
-do- Acc	1397.40	1470.90	-16.00	
Fixed Int Initial	490.60	516.40	+2.80	...
-do- Acc	740.30	779.20	+4.50	.
Intl Initial	535.10	563.10	-7.10	..
-do- Acc	804.20	846.50	-11.10	
Nth Amer Initial	267.60	281.90	-3.80	
-do- Acc	367.60	387.10	-5.30	
Pacific Initial	228.30	240.30	+4.30	.
-do- Acc	310.50	326.80	+6.10	
Property Initial	188.50	198.70	..	...
-do- Acc	284.70	299.70		
Index-Lnkd Initl	169.90	178.80	+0.50	..
-do- Acc	233.20	245.50	+0.80	..
Deposit Initial	206.60	217.50	+0.10	..
-do- Acc	311.70	328.10	+0.30	..
Euro Initial	139.20	146.50	+2.20	..
-do- Acc	176.60	185.90	+2.90	..
HALIFAX LIFE LTD PO Box 2?8, York YO1 1YB 01904 611410				
Life Funds				
Foundation	32.96	34.59	+0.23	
Balanced	32.90	34.63	+0.18	.
Opportunity	33.36	35.14	+0.18	
Deposit	26.02	27.38	+0.02	
Pension Funds				
Foundation S2	25.32	26.65	+0.09	.
Balanced S2	25.71	27.06	+0.09	
Opportunity S2	25.19	26.52	+0.12	
Deposit S2	24.22	25.49	+0.02	

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HAMBRO ASSURED Harbour House, Portway, Preston, Lancs PR2 2PR. 01772 840000				
Managed	216.70	228.10	-0.90	.
-do- Pens	281.30	296.10	-1.70	..
UK Equity	233.40	245.60	-3.60	...
-do- Pens	284.60	299.50	-6.00	...
International	187.50	197.30	+1.60	...
-do- Pens	211.50	222.60	+2.00	...
Deposit	152.90	160.90	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	186.60	196.40	+0.20	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 0181 686 4355				
Security Fund	711.90	753.40	-6.90	...
British Fund	762.10	806.50	-7.20	...
International	678.80	718.40	+0.80	...
Dollar Fund	597.10	631.90	-1.80	...
Capital Fund	637.00	674.10	-3.20	...
Income Fund	947.30	1002.50	-8.20	...
Property Series A	526.70	557.40	..	4.50
Property Units	877.80	921.70	..	...
Financial Fund	912.00	965.10	-8.10	...
Managed Ser A	701.40	742.30	-2.80	.
Managed Units	1265.00	1331.60	-7.30	.
High Yield Fund	843.20	892.30	-8.80	..
Money Series A	318.80	337.40	+0.10	...
Money Units	426.70	449.20	+0.31	..
Equity Fund	813.00	860.40	-4.00	
Fixed Interest	441.30	467.00	+0.80	..
Indexed Secs	206.40	218.50	..	..
European Fund	1008.50	1067.20	+10.00	...
Natural Res	323.90	342.80	-0.60	..
Far East Fund	645.70	683.30	+11.70	..
Smaller Cos	680.90	720.60	-4.50	
Special Sits	674.50	713.80	-13.90	.
Man Currency	286.30	303.00	-0.10	..
Japanese Tech	303.60	321.30	+6.90	.
US Smaller Cos	455.80	482.40	-10.20	
Formerly Target Life Assurance Co Ltd				
Deposit	272.70	287.10	+0.30	.
Financial Ser 1	74.20	78.20	-0.50	...
Fixed Interest	383.40	403.70	+1.20	
Gold	82.00	86.50	-2.10	..
Managed	777.90	818.90	-11.70	.
Mngd Growth	246.20	259.20	-9.40	..
Mngd Opp	263.60	277.60	-9.90	..
Property	388.50	408.90	+7.50	..
Residential Prop	119.10	125.50	+0.10	...
TSB American	346.30	364.60	-2.90	.
TSB Brit Gwth	1205.00	1268.50	-22.10	...
TSB European	378.10	398.10	+1.50	..
TSB Income	556.40	585.80	-9.40	...
TSB Intl	522.70	550.20	-1.90	.
TSB Intl Inc	357.40	376.30	-0.50	..
TSB Pacific	449.60	473.30	-4.20	
TSB Prem Inc	330.60	348.50	+1.80	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF 01727 48181				
Global Managed	734.10	772.70	-5.20	..
Global Property	324.80	341.90	+2.20	.
Global Fixed Int	606.60	638.50	+0.10	
Global Equity	808.00	850.50	-6.30	..
Global Cash	235.40	247.80	+0.20	.
For Laurentian see Lincoln				
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 01273 524000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	134.80	141.90		.
-do- Acc	199.20	209.70	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Init	183.20	192.90	-1.70	..
-do- Acc	245.10	258.00	-1.70	
Cash Initial	171.30	180.40	+0.40	
-do- Acc	317.90	334.70	+0.10	.
Equity Initial	857.50	900.60	-8.10	..
-do- Acc	1597.60	1671.20	-10.70	.
Fixed Initial	382.00	402.20	+1.10	.
-do- Acc	708.80	746.30	+3.80	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	139.10	146.50	+0.10	.
-do- Acc	220.30	231.90	+0.70	..
Intl Initial	361.20	380.20	+3.70	..
-do- Acc	659.90	694.70	+8.50	..
Managed Initial	574.50	604.80	+0.20	.
-do- Acc	1066.10	1122.50	+2.90	.
Property Initial	228.70	240.90	+0.30	..
-do- Acc	424.40	446.90	+0.50	...
LINCOLN The Quays, 101-105 Oxford Road, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1LZ 01895 200 200				
Equity Units	1170.02	...	-66.00	.
Property Units	2040.00	...	-45.00	.
Bal Bd Exec Unit	4303.00	...	-22.00	.
2nd Equity Acc	845.60	890.00	-3.30	
2nd High Inc Acc	846.20	891.00	-1.20	.
2nd Property Acc	273.50	287.50	-4.00	..
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	207.00	217.80	-1.30	.
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	582.40	613.50	+1.50	.
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	282.00	297.40	+1.10	
2nd Deposit Acc	312.10	328.40	+0.30	
2nd Gilt Acc	352.50	371.00	+1.40	.
2nd Amer Acc	959.50	1009.30	+9.80	
2nd Intl Mny Acc	244.90	257.60	+1.10	
2nd Index Acc	228.10	240.00	+0.70	.
2nd Far East Acc	425.70	449.00	+11.10	.
2nd Global Acc	200.50	211.00	+2.50	
2nd Euro Acc	210.70	221.70	+4.10	..
2nd Japan Acc	165.50	174.20	+4.60	..
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	174.60	183.70	-0.80	..
2nd Cap Gth Acc	160.30	168.70	-1.00	.
ex-Laurentian				
Property	582.10	612.70	+8.70	
Managed	524.00	551.40	+1.30	
American	571.10	601.00	+6.30	
UK Equity Fd	614.10	646.20	-2.40	.
Japan	182.20	191.80	+5.00	..
Index-Lkd	204.30	214.00	+0.10	
High Yield	1127.00	1193.00	-2.00	
Money	443.40	466.00	+0.40	..
International	453.20	477.00	+5.40	
Henderson Active	241.50	254.10	+3.00	
Perpetual Active	396.70	417.50	+3.00	
Growth Acc	819.30	862.30	+2.10	
Gilt Edged	499.40	525.50	+1.50	

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European	192.30	202.30	-3.80	...
Far East	225.20	237.00	+0.30	..
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0117 994 7777				
Equity 1	1190.10	...	+0.70	...
Fixed Interest 1	512.50	...	+4.50	...
Property 1	473.40	..	+0.60	..
Deposit 1	325.20	...	+0.50	...
Mixed 1	752.90	...	+5.90	..
Indexed Stock 1	244.30	..	+1.50	...
International 1	346.80	..	-8.40	...
Equity A 1	275.20	...	+0.20	...
Fixed Int A 1	226.60	..	+1.90	
Property A 1	207.40	...	+0.20	.
Deposit A 1	190.50	...	+0.30	...
Mixed A 1	246.60	...	+1.80	...
Index Stock A 1	190.70	...	+1.20	...
International A 1	216.00	...	+5.30	...
Equity P 1	1042.60	...	+0.90	..
Fixed Int P 1	705.50	.	+6.30	...
Property P 1	372.50	...	+0.50	...
Deposit P 1	392.10	...	+0.50	...
Mixed P 1	721.10	...	+6.60	...
Index Stock P 1	280.80	...	+1.50	..
International P 1	416.70	...	+12.30	
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 01392 283456				
Inv Trust Cap 1	638.60		-0.90	
-do- Acc 1	1195.20	.	-0.70	..
Property Cap 1	139.30	.	+0.30	.
-do- Acc 1	248.70	...	+0.40	.
Fxd Interest Cap 1	206.10		+1.50	.
-do- Acc 1	371.00	...	+2.90	..
Equity Cap 1	387.70		-7.10	.
-do- Acc 1	710.90		-12.90	...
Internatl Cap 1	254.60	.	+0.90	.
-do- Acc 1	461.40	.	+2.10	..
Gtd Deposit Cap 1	160.00	.	.	...
-do- Acc 1	285.70		+0.30	7.20
Flexible Cap 1	391.00	..	-3.40	.
-do- Acc 1	717.60	.	-5.60	.
Moneymaker Fd 1	548.30	...	-2.61	.
Capital Growth 1	2338.10	...	-31.10	.
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 01245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	611.90	642.60	+9.00	..
Amer Rec Bond	719.90	756.00	+30.00	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	299.40	314.50	-5.00	.
Australasia Bd	337.10	354.10	-2.30	..
Commodity Bond	409.20	429.90	-2.30	
Deposit Bond Acc	397.40	417.30	+0.30	
Equity Bond Acc	1851.30	1944.40	-14.90	.
European Bd Acc	548.70	576.20	+2.70	..
Extra Yld Bd Acc	975.10	1023.90	-4.30	..
Gilt Bond Acc	526.20	552.60	+4.80	
Gold Bond Acc	156.00	163.90	-0.90	
High Yield Bond	409.10	429.50	-1.00	
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	230.80	242.40	+0.60	.
International Bd	942.70	989.90	-13.60	.
Japan Bond Acc	210.00	220.60	+6.90	
Japan Sm Cos Ac	200.80	211.00	+3.10	.
Managed Bonds	1079.70	1133.80	-16.20	.
Prop Bond Acc	519.30	545.40	-0.70	.
Rec Bond Acc	954.10	1001.90	-9.90	...
S East Asia Bd Acc	368.00	386.50	+6.70	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY 01903 204631				
UK Equity	294.60	310.20	-4.00	.
UK Equity Acc	453.50	477.40	-5.80	..
Special Sits	122.20	128.70	-1.80	...
Special Sits Acc	188.20	198.20	-2.60	...
North American	248.40	261.50	+3.50	...
N American Acc	382.60	402.80	+5.70	.
Pacific Basin	360.90	379.90	+4.70	..
Pacific Basin Acc	555.80	585.10	+7.80	
Fixed Interest	310.30	326.70	+2.00	.
Fixed Interest Acc	478.40	503.60	+3.40	.
Property	187.40	197.30	..	.
Property Acc	289.00	304.30	+0.40	.
Deposit	155.20	163.40		...
Deposit Acc	239.30	251.90	+0.20	..
Managed	318.40	335.20	-1.00	...
Managed Acc	451.80	475.60	-1.00	.
MERCHANT INVESTORS St Bartholomews House, Lewins Mead, Bristol BS1 2NH 0117 9266 366				
Property	442.80	466.10	+0.40	
UK Equity	480.70	506.00	-7.60	.
Gilt Edged	703.40	740.40	+6.40	...
Interest Fund	439.80	462.90	+0.50	...
Managed Fd	598.80	630.30	-2.80	.
Intl Equity	730.60	769.00	+3.60	.
North American	298.20	313.90	+0.20	.
Far East	477.50	502.60	+6.10	.
Intl Currency	262.40	276.20	+1.00	
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 0171 623 4200				
Managed	620.80	653.40	+0.90	
UK Equity	866.00	911.50	-8.50	.
Overseas Equity	573.80	603.90	+7.90	.
Americas	555.90	585.10	+8.40	..
Far East	592.00	623.10	+5.20	..
Property	237.80	250.30	+0.30	..
Fixed Interest	457.50	481.50	+3.00	...
Indexed Gilt	257.90	271.40	+0.60	...
Deposit	239.80	252.50	+0.30	.
NAT WEST LIFE ASSCE LTD PO Box 386, Trinity Quay, Bristol BS99 5LJ 0117 940 4040				
Growth Mnd Pens	178.20	187.40	+0.40	
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR1 1PP 01603 622200				
Managed Fund	1893.80	1993.60	+7.40	.
Equity Fund	4348.30	4577.20	-23.50	
Property Fd	690.00	726.30	+3.10	...
Fixed Int Fd	717.10	754.90	+7.60	
Deposit Fund	389.40	409.90	+0.80	
Intl Fund	411.50	432.90	+1.50	..

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OLD MUTUAL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 01256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	395.60	417.30	-2.00	...
Fxd Interest Acc	286.20	302.00	+2.20	...
International Acc	297.40	313.80	-7.30	...
Managed Acc	274.10	289.20	+0.30	...
Property Acc	210.20	221.80	-11.20	...
Money Acc	169.10	178.40	-1.30	.
Spec Mkt Acc	214.70	226.50	-6.40	..
Japan Equity Acc	106.40	112.30	+1.60	..
N Amer Acc	229.40	242.00	-3.30	..
Pacific Acc	149.40	157.60	+3.20	..
European Acc	266.40	281.10	+1.60	...
PEARL ASSURANCE The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 01733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	144.10	151.70	-0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	346.40	364.70	-0.40	...
Inv Equity	1668.20	1756.10	-21.20	...
Inv Managed	1108.20	1166.60	-1.00	..
Ret Managed	1303.80	1372.50	-0.60	...
For Provident Mutual see General Accident				
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 0171 405 9222				
Managed	447.90	466.60	-6.20	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 0171 548 3278				
Managed Fund	1024.20	1076.20	-2.00	..
Equity Fund	2143.50	2256.40	-30.60	.
Intl Fund	798.50	840.60	+11.60	...
Fixed Interest	670.20	705.50	+7.10	.
Property Fund	515.70	542.40		.
Cash Fund	401.70	422.90	+0.30	
Pacific Basin	387.10	407.40	+6.50	.
N American Fd	415.00	436.90	+5.30	.
Euro Fund	394.20	415.00	+7.70	.
Balanced Fund	203.30	214.00	+0.40	
Strategic Fund	221.90	233.60	+0.20	.
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 01733 390000				
Mult Grow (45) 1	961.00	...	+26.70	
-do- Acc	533.20	561.30	+13.20	.
Op Prop	551.50	580.50	-0.30	.
Op Equity	1352.30	1423.50	-20.30	
Op High Yield	703.20	740.20	+6.00	..
Op Managed	1043.20	1098.10	-3.90	..
Op Deposit	431.70	454.40	+0.40	..
Japan Smlr	195.70	206.00	+4.20	.
Managed Gth	361.80	380.80	-1.30	..
British	483.00	508.40	-2.60	.
Global Bond	124.20	130.70	+0.30	..
Gold Share	87.80	92.40	+1.90	...
Japan	378.00	389.50	+7.10	..
UK Smlr Cos	577.00	607.40	-23.90	..
Mngd Growth	599.40	630.90	+0.80	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 0151 239 3000				
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	499.00	525.20	-2.10	.
Equity Fund	738.20	777.00	-10.60	..
Property Fund	364.50	383.60	+0.20	.
International	599.10	630.60	+4.40	...
Pacific Basin	281.50	296.30	+3.30	.
United States	410.20	431.70	+7.20	..
Gilt Fund	442.20	465.40	+3.00	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 01708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	93.30	98.80	-0.10	2.36
Deposit Fund (2)	418.70	442.70	+0.40	6.40
Gilt Fund	618.30	654.30	+3.40	8.07
Global Equity Fd	289.60	306.50	+2.50	.
Property Fund (4a)	123.70	130.90	..	7.06
AG Bond Fund	166.90	176.70	+0.20	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 0141 248 2323				
Equity	801.60	842.80	-12.60	..
Fixed Interest	432.20	455.00	+1.20	..
Index-Linked	218.50	230.00	+1.00	..
International	551.80	580.90	+5.00	..
Property	331.70	349.20	+0.40	..
Cash	253.30	266.70	+0.30	.
Managed	594.20	625.50	-2.70	.
Cap Gteed Bd	160.40	168.90	-2.70	...
95% Safeguard	106.30	.	+0.20	..
100% Safeguard	101.00		+0.10	...
Wealth Pres Cap	104.40	..	-0.40	..
Wealth Pres Inc	20.90		-173.80	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 0131 556 9101				
Cash	200.58	211.14	+0.16	.
Index-Linked	184.90	194.70	+0.30	.
Fixed Interest	214.90	226.30	+1.50	.
Mixed	334.90	352.60	+1.70	.
UK Equity	329.60	345.90	-1.20	.
International	325.70	343.00	+0.00	.
American	413.00	434.70	-4.20	.
Japan	208.60	219.60	+5.90	.
European	381.40	401.40	+0.40	.
Pacific	386.40	406.70	+4.90	.
Technology	564.40	594.10	+1.90	...
Prem Bd/Crrcy	240.90	253.60	-2.30	..
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 0131 225 2211				
Property	244.70	257.70	+0.20	
UK Equity	501.50	528.00	+1.00	.
American	362.10	381.10	+8.00	
Pacific	377.40	397.40	+7.40	
European	683.70	719.50	+11.90	
Global Mgd	392.40	413.10	+7.00	...
Fixed Interest	263.60	286.60	+2.30	.

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Index Linked	221.60	233.30	+0.50	...
Deposit	215.50	226.90	+0.20	...
Managed	375.70	395.60	+3.40	...
Worldwide	148.80	156.80	+2.10	...
Pen Worldwide	163.60	172.30	+2.70	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 0141 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	2237.10	2306.30	...	...
Safety Fund	284.80	299.80	+0.10	...
Growth Fund	303.00	319.00	-1.80	...
Opportunity Fd	305.50	321.60	-1.20	...
Cash Fund	191.50	201.60	+0.20	...
European Fund	498.50	524.80	+6.80	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	245.70	258.70	+2.70	...
Index-Linked Fd	202.60	213.30	+0.90	...
International Fd	355.90	374.60	+6.10	...
North American	351.70	370.30	+0.80	..
Property Fund	136.20	143.40	+3.30	..
UK Equity	334.80	352.50	-7.70	...
UK Smaller	335.10	352.80	-5.80	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 0131 556 9181				
Mixed	352.70	371.30	+0.80	...
Equity	388.80	409.40	-2.10	...
International	330.90	348.40	+3.80	...
Property	252.60	265.90	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	283.00	298.00	+1.30	...
Index Linked	203.00	213.80	+0.70	...
Cash	203.80	214.60	+0.10	...
Formerly Prolific				
Bal Gwth Mngd	1042.60	1101.20	+2.00	...
Cash Fund	371.80	391.40	+0.40	...
Property Fund	327.10	344.70	+0.40	...
Equity Fund	1119.50	1180.90	+10.60	..
Fxd Interest Fund	572.80	603.60	+3.20	...
International	467.50	497.40	+5.80	...
High Income	965.10	1020.30	-5.60	...
Far East	606.40	645.20	+7.40	...
North American	902.80	954.10	+17.40	.
Special Sits	912.60	960.30	-5.70	...
Technology	1046.50	1113.30	-4.30	...
Extra Income Fd	516.30	549.30	-3.10	...
Gilt Fund	545.40	580.30	+0.00	..
European	203.60	216.70	+3.50	..
Adventurous Mg	265.30	279.60	+2.10	...
Secure Mgd	185.30	195.30	+0.60	...
Equity Inc Dist	142.90	150.60	-1.10	4.04
Managed Dist	127.50	134.40	..	4.07
Henderson Investment Bonds				
UK Equity Fd	427.90	455.30	-0.70	...
North America	486.90	518.00	+1.50	..
Far East Fund	622.50	662.30	+18.90	...
Global Managed	582.70	619.90	-3.40	..
Deposit Fund	250.70	263.90	+0.30	...
Prime Residential	141.80	149.30		...
European Fund	369.90	393.60	-4.50	...
Fixed Interest	61.90	65.80	-0.30	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 0131 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	1305.90	1305.90	+2.40	...
Inv Pol 2	1179.30	1241.50	+2.00	...
Inv Pol 3	1112.90	1171.90	+1.30	..
Inv Cash	349.20	367.60	+0.70	..
Mixed Fund	586.90	617.90	+6.90	...
Equity Fund	747.80	787.20	-0.60	..
Property Fund	274.80	289.30	+1.70	...
International Fd	604.30	636.20	+16.80	
Fixed Interest Fd	451.20	475.00	+4.90	.
Indexed Stock Fd	224.30	236.20	+0.70	.
Cash Fund	252.20	265.60	+0.20	..
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 01703 334411				
Managed Acc	500.40	526.70	+3.60	...
Equity Acc	634.40	667.70	-13.30	...
International Acc	398.80	419.70	-1.00	..
Property	246.30	261.30	+0.10	..
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO Standard Life House, 30 Lothian Road, Edinburgh EH1 2DH 0131 225 2552				
Cash	296.20	311.80	+0.30	...
Equity	1415.20	1489.70	-3.80	.
European	216.50	227.90	+4.20	...
Far East	182.60	192.30	+2.60	.
Fixed Interest	472.60	497.50	+3.70	.
Index Linked	238.40	251.00	+0.80	...
International	720.40	758.40	+9.60	..
Managed	922.60	971.20	+4.30	.
Nth American	211.40	222.60	+1.90	.
Property	407.90	429.40	+2.40	..
Pensions				
Cash	476.20	501.30	+0.50	.
Equity	2199.60	2315.40	-2.20	.
European	290.10	305.40	+6.10	..
Far East	149.40	156.30	+2.50	.
Fixed Interest	683.40	719.40	+6.30	.
Index Linked	337.80	355.60	+1.20	.
International	1094.90	1152.60	+7.20	..
Managed	1392.40	1465.70	+5.70	..
Nth American	288.60	303.80	+1.60	.
Property	596.10	627.50	+7.50	.
Stock Exchange	312.00	329.30	+0.20	..
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 01403 232323				
Managed Fund	909.20	957.10	-0.20	...
Equity Fund	1247.00	1312.70	-6.50	.
Fixed Interest Fd	484.50	510.00	+3.20	.
Index-Linked Fd	360.80	379.80	+0.90	.
Property Fund	571.00	601.10	+0.90	.
International Fd	867.60	913.50	+3.60	.
N American Fd	403.70	425.00	+2.50	.
Far East Fund	253.30	266.70	+2.60	
Deposit Fund	331.40	349.60	+0.30	
Intnl Bd 1	1181.50		-170.10	
Worldwide Bond	168.60	177.50	+1.10	

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European	262.30	276.20	+5.10	..
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	914.20	962.40	-10.80	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	613.10	651.30	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund 1	669.80	...	+1.10	..
-do- Acc 1	619.10	...	+0.90	..
Agricultural Fd 1	919.60	...	+0.90	..
-do- Acc 1	876.30	...	+0.70	..
Abbey Nat Fd 1	493.30	...	+0.60	..
Abbey Nat Acc 1	516.40	...	+0.60	..
Investment Fd 1	488.60	...		
Investment (A) 1	467.10	...	-0.10	..
Equity 1	1836.60	...	-8.90	..
Equity Acc 1	1748.20	...	-8.60	..
Money Fund 1	534.40	...	+0.50	..
-do- Acc 1	508.00	...	+0.50	..
Actuarial Fd 1	798.70	...	-0.20	..
Gilt-Edged Fd 1	456.00	...	+2.90	..
-do- Acc 1	456.00	...	+2.90	..
Retire Annuity 1	1405.90	...	+9.00	..
Immed Annuity 1	301.00	...	...	
Bldg Soc Life 1	251.30	...	+0.20	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 01256 841414				
Growth Acc 1	1933.70	...	-47.30	...
Managed Acc 1	1111.00	...	+3.60	...
Equity Account 1	1692.60	...	+7.20	...
Mngd Fund Acc	503.10	529.60	...	..
Equity Fund Acc	729.40	767.90	+3.20	..
Prop Fund Acc	290.00	305.20	+0.30	..
Fixed Int Fd Acc	373.10	392.70	+0.90	..
Money Fund Acc	243.40	256.20	+0.20	..
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	227.70	239.70	+0.50	..
Pers Pens Acc 1	2521.20	...	-26.10	..
Pens Mngd Acct	1171.60	1233.20	-12.70	..
Pens Guarantee	307.60	323.80	+0.50	..
Pens Equity	470.30	495.00	-9.20	..
Pens Property	340.30	358.20	+0.50	..
Pens Fixed Int	366.20	385.50	+0.60	..
Pens Intl	316.00	332.70	-0.40	..
Pens Money	269.20	283.30	+0.20	..
Pens Indx-Lnkd	223.50	235.20	-2.90	..
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0117 9426911				
Managed Acc	1160.90	1222.00	+2.50	..
Property Acc	453.20	477.10	+0.30	...
Equity Acc	1996.10	2101.20	-14.20	...
Fixed Int Acc	487.50	513.20	+3.70	...
Cash Acc	344.50	362.70	+0.30	...
Amer Equity Acc	564.70	594.50	+4.50	...
Japan Acc	277.80	292.50	+5.40	.
Pacific Acc	419.00	441.10	+3.30	...
Far Eastern Acc	885.70	932.40	+7.30	...
International Acc	726.10	764.40	+6.30	...
Distribution Fund	315.40	332.10	-1.70	5.65
European	253.10	266.50	+5.90	...
Deffrd Dist	211.90	223.10	+0.40	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 01264 345678				
Managed Fund	366.50	385.80	+0.10	...
Property Fund	237.00	249.60	+0.90	..
Fixed Interest Fd	262.00	275.90	+1.50	...
Money Fund	221.40	233.10	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	494.40	520.50	...	...
WINDSOR LIFE Windsor House, Telford, Shropshire 01952 292929				
Managed Bond	923.50	972.10	+5.80	..
Money Fund	350.60	369.00	+0.20	..
Equity Fund	863.10	908.50	+2.30	..
Fixed Interest	332.80	350.30	+3.00	..
Property Fund	420.10	442.20	+1.10	..
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnrl	744.00	784.00	+12.30	..
Income	976.90	1029.40	-8.90	..
International Gth	750.20	790.50	+5.70	..
Capital Fund	808.90	852.40	-21.60	..
Recovery Fund	649.40	684.30	-0.80	..
Japan & General	237.90	250.70	+4.70	..
Formerly AEtna				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	19.95	21.00	+0.01	..
Bear	25.46	26.80	+0.11	..
Owl	28.36	29.85	+0.10	..
Bull	23.69	24.94	+0.14	..
Stag	24.77	26.07	+0.28	..
Gilt Edged	22.03	23.19	+0.19	..
Deposit	17.25	18.16	+0.02	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	28.02	29.49	+0.03	..
Bear	37.48	39.45	+0.21	..
Owl	41.04	43.20	+0.20	..
Bull	32.39	34.09	+0.24	..
Stag	33.44	35.20	+0.45	..
Gilt Edged	29.16	30.69	+0.31	..
Deposit	23.05	24.26	+0.03	..
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund 1		781.72	+4.64	..
1982 Series				
UK Equity	479.30	504.53	+1.33	..
N Amer Equity	394.17	414.92	+5.57	
Far East Equity	430.73	453.40	+7.86	..
Fixed	351.44	369.94	+3.09	..
Cash Deposit	226.34	238.25	+0.19	..
Property	179.01	188.43	-0.50	..
Special Opp	478.94	504.15	+5.49	..
Managed	410.83	432.45	+2.84	.
Index-Linked Fd	212.81	224.01	+0.44	.
Formerly Crown				
Life Mangd Acc	772.70	810.80	+4.80	..
Life Fxd Int Acc	441.60	464.80	+3.90	
Life Equity Acc	1130.20	1190.30	+3.10	..
Life Money Acc	329.80	347.10	+0.20	
Life Inv Tst Acc	1011.10	1060.90	+6.20	..
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Last hurdles for the Woolwich

Anne Ashworth

on prospects, plus Halifax progress

Gordon Brown's sense of timing may not endear him to the 2.6 million beneficiaries of the Woolwich conversion.

This week the new Chancellor named July 2 as the date for his first Budget, just five days before the start of dealings in Woolwich shares. The possibility that Mr Brown may reduce or abolish mortgage interest tax relief, a much rumoured move, could put a dampener on the price of shares in the new bank.

Even if he decides not to tamper with mortgage relief, other factors may combine to ensure that the Woolwich does not shower its customers with great riches. For example, some analysts, such as Jeremy Batstone, head of research at NatWest Stockbrokers, are concerned that the lender is overdependent on the south-east property market.

Others point out that the Halifax, which arrived at the stock market this week, has soaked up much of the demand for bank shares among investors. However, James Johnson, banking analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, the stockbrokers, believes that the Woolwich price should still be between 250-280p, against the 187p estimate made in January. At 250p, the average payout would be worth £1,400.

There is still some nervousness over the short-term prospects for the banking setor. This mood contributed to the downturn in the Halifax price after its debut on Monday. It opened at 774.5p but closed the day at 734p. The shares finished the week at 735.5p

The 774.5p price was available only to those who had requested share certificates. However, many complained that they had not received their certificates in time to benefit from the top price. One disgruntled customer complained that the post had not brought his certificate until 9.30 am on Monday after the start of dealings.

Those customers who opted not to receive share certificates, but to use the Halifax's share service, which remains free of charge until next Wednesday, could feel satisfied with their deal. Shares disposed of through this service were auctioned directly to institutional investors, such as pension funds and insurance companies.

The two million Halifax customers who sold their shares in the first auction received 732.5p, the average of all the bids submitted by institutions. Those with the average holding of 310 shares received £2,270. This cash was credited to accounts yesterday, which means that £4 billion plus could be spent today. Retailers and tour operators are braced for the onslaught.

Some two million savers and borrowers sold this week. But more than five million have preferred to retain their shares. Those who still intend to sell believe that the Halifax price will strengthen as the June 23 deadline for its inclusion in the FT-SE-100 index of leading shares approaches.

Mr Batstone said that index funds, which are obliged to have a stake in all FT-SE 100 shares, are still underweight but are keeping their powder dry in advance of the Halifax's index debut. He added, however: "Research by our sister company, NatWest Securities, shows that once included in the index shares historically tend to underperform."

Shares lost by break between loans

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The strong performance of the Halifax price has added to the irritation of the thousands of Halifax customers excluded from the flotation. Many blame advice received from branches for their loss.

Simon and Joanna Lang, from Swadlingcote in Derbyshire, seen with children Joseph, 6 and Alice, 5, have a Halifax mortgage but received no shares because they redeemed their loan in April but did not move to their new home in May. The break in their membership of the society cost them their free shares. In February, Mr Lang had a long financial advice session with the Halifax during which he arranged critical life cover, a Pep the mortgage from £15,000 to £50,000. But he was not informed that he was obliged to pay off his old mortgage and take out another on the same day to retain his right to free shares. When he tackled the society, he was told that his solicitor should have warned him of the risks involved in moving house. The Halifax says all deadlines were made clear in mailings to savers and borrowers. It has always been reluctant to comment on discussions between branches and customers.

Saving rates due for a rise to pick up windfall cash

In line with tradition, the rise in interest rates did not bring instant good news for savers. Although the base rate rose only 0.25 per cent, the banks and building societies raised their mortgage rates by 0.35 per cent, claiming that they wished to give a better deal to savers. However, they did not announce their new investment rates, choosing as usual to delay the increases for several weeks. Only the Northern Rock specified that it would be increasing rates on July 5.

However, savers need not be too dejected. The competition to win the windfall cash is likely to grow even fiercer over the next few months, as institutions vie for the £4 billion received by Halifax customers alone. This week brought the announcement of new offers almsot every day. The Alliance & Leicester is now a contender for anyone looking for a home for £10,000 or more. The society's First Class Instant postal savings account, launched only one week earlier, saw rates rise to 6.85 per cent on amounts above £10,000 from Wednesday. Customers are allowed three withdrawals a year without notice or penalty, with transactions done through the post.

Nationwide already offered an extremely appealing rate of 6.40 per cent on balances of £500 and more in its InvestDirect postal account before the latest round of rate rises. The society has not changed the rates for the bottom tier of up to £9,999 in the InvestDirect account, but on June 1 it lifted the rates paid on larger amounts. A deposit of £10,000 will now earn 6.50 per cent, up from 6.45 per cent. From June 1, most of the Nationwide's rates rose by up to 0.3 percentage points.

Also on June 1, Cheltenham & Gloucester improved the interest rate on its Instant Transfer Account to 6.25 per cent from 6 per cent on balances of £1,000 and higher. Funds are held by the C&G but can be transferred electronically into the customer's bank account for easy access. C&G has also increased rates on the middle bands of its 90-day notice account and its London Account.

The Skipton is also offering better savings rates, with rises ranging from 0.10 per cent to 0.65 per cent. A deposit of £10,000 in a Skipton instant access account will now earn 4.50 per cent. The society has also launched a three-year Windfall bond paying 7 per cent on balances from £5,000 to £9,999 and 7.35 per cent on amounts above £10,000. No withdrawals are permitted during the term.

Banks continue to lag building societies. Lloyds' new instant gold savings account has a new rate of 4.25 per cent on a minimum balance of £2,500, rising in tiers to 5.05 per cent on balances above £50,000.

In such a competitive market, it is worth shopping around when looking for a home for your windfall. This week's instant access top choices, according to MoneyFacts, include the Northern Rock Postal account which is paying 6.35 per cent on balances of £5,000 plus and Bristol & West whose postal account offers from 5.5 per cent to 6.40 per cent. First Tessa best buys include the Abbey National, which pays 7.50 per cent, and the Yorkshire at 7.30 per cent on a £9,000 deposit.

KAREN ZAGOR

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WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

Spread the blame for pensions scandal

From Mr R.C. Bell

Sir, Are not the insurance companies and independent financial adviers being asked unfairly to shoulder all the cost for the scandal over the mis-selling of pensions?

Even if you accept that the doctrine of *caveat emptor* apparently no longer applies, there are other parties who might reasonably be asked to contribute.

First, there are those pension funds that stayed silent and failed to caution their members against leaving (certainly they have been major beneficiaries through increased "early leavers").

Perhaps they should be required to reinstate members and contribute some or all of this benefit. Secondly, there are those employers which made a saving in their employer's contribution and likewise did not caution their employees.

Finally, there is the last Government which failed to include in its personal pension legislation any requirement for employers to continue their pension contribution to employees who choose to leave the company scheme and start a personal pension.

Yours faithfully,
R. BELL,
Cherry Hill,
50 Arbrook Lane,
Esher,
Surrey.

Sender should prove delivery

From Mr R. MacAlastair Brown

Sir, a Miss Diana Bradley (Loser pays penalty for lost post, Weekend Money Letters May 24) related that she was asked to pay £40.20 for a replacement certificate for a bonus issue certificate that the issuers "claim" was lost in the post.

The word "claim" is the dominating issue. In any other field of commerce the onus is upon the sender to prove delivery. To do otherwise and expect payment is sharp practice.

Sending a letter by recorded delivery is simple and the cost is trivial.

It pivots on the small customer's limited resources against a powerful financial body. It is an exploitation to be treated at government level. Such coercive practice must be exposed.

Yours faithfully,
R. MacALASTAIR BROWN,
39 Moss Lane,
Bramhall,
Stockport,
Cheshire.

Some improvement . . .

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From Mr A. Harada

Sir, My new "improved" Barclaycard statement tells me a lot of valuable detail. What it omits, which its predecessor did not, is a reminder of the latest paying-in date at the bank to avoid interest on the month's balance. Am I too cyncial to believe that this is a deliberate omission in the hope that careless card users will miss the deadline and incur an interest payment for the bank's coffers?

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR HARADA,
57 Lache Park Avenue,
Chester.

Founded for its members' benefit

From Mr W. Butler

Sir, The injustice perpetrated by the Halifax Building Society on large numbers of charities, clubs and children who have saved with the society, should be neither forgotton nor forgiven.

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Perhaps it regards as a burden the many small accounts affected. But whatever its motives, its action is unworthy of an organisation founded solely for the benefit of its savers and borrowers.

The silence of the City and the Government over this affair is a sad commentary on both.

Yours faithfully,
W. BUTLER,
20 Cranborne Road,
Hatfield,
Hertfordshire.

A world-class wheeze

From Mr P. Roberts.

Sir, I was amused to read Bristol & West's advertisement for their Year Plus Bond which starts "We can't say it, if it isn't true". It appears they can!

They sold me a similar bond, the Premier Save Bond, last year — a one-year fixed-rate bond running from March 3, 1996, to March 13, 1997, paying 8 per cent per annum gross. Those dates and that rate were fixed for everyone taking out the bond.

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Result, a one year bond at 8 per cent per annum which pays less than 8 per cent at the end of the term, ie, 293 days at 0.08/366 and 72 days at 0.08/365.

When I queried the amount of interest, the Bristol and West explained that the Bristol & West is committed to achieving "world-class customer satisfaction"!

Yours faithfully,
PETER ROBERTS,
43 Naples Drive,
Newcastle,
Staffordshire.

Gas, bills, and videotapes

From Mr E.W. Lighton

Sir, Further to Mr Edmond's letter and superb accompanying cartoon (Suffering from an identity crisis, May 31) concerning demands for gas/electricity bills as proof of identity — recently the Chiswick branch of Blockbuster Video refused to hire a videotape to me because my Blockbuster card had been issued by a different branch of the company.

Although I am in my sixties, and supported my claim with a driving licence and university warrant card containing an authorised and recent photograph, only a utility bill was deemed sufficient. Not the sort of thing one usually takes two hundred miles on holiday.

How long before traffic police demand such bills as well as insurance documents?

Yours faithfully,
E. LIGHTON,
11 Ryebank Avenue,
Crewe.

THE WEEK IN MONEY

- MORE THAN 2 *million* Halifax savers and borrowers sold their shares on the first day of trading on Monday, receiving an average windfall of £2,200 each.

- HARRIET HARMAN, the Social Security Secretary, announced that pension-splitting for divorced couples would be introduced before April 2000.

- THE Government unveiled its plans for widening participation in second-tier private pensions, which could mean a radical overhaul of the pensions industry. John Denham, the Pensions Minister, said that the 50 per cent of workers who do not have access to occupational pensions are being hit by high charges and inflexible products.

- IN AN effort to trace the 263,927 Premium Bondholders who have failed to collect £14.8 million in prize money, a team of National Savings civil servants is scouring the country in what is the largest hunt since the first Premium Bond draw was made 40 years ago.

- SIR Peter Davis, "the Man from the Pru", is to head the task force overseeing Labour's welfare-to-work programme. The programme is designed to offer private-sector jobs to 250,000 young unemployed. The appointment comes as it emerged that Prudential has been ordered to re-test its sales staff after criticism from the chief City watchdog over training standards.

- PETER DEAN, the Investment Ombudsman, voiced his fears that the proposed new super-SIB watchdog could turn into a "disastrous" and "bureaucratic" body acting against the interests of investors.

- COMMERCIAL Union has been fined £95,000 and is to pay compensation of £84,000 to customers who were sold high-charging Pep mortgages even though house sales fell through.

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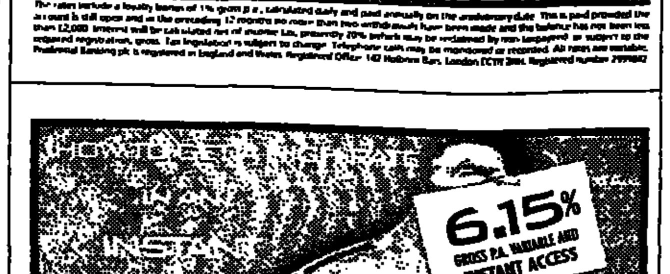

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UK Growth Inc	336.90	358.50†	2.30	2.31
Higher Inc Acc	922.40	981.30†	- 12.90	3.89
Higher Inc Inc	483.90	514.80†	- 6.80	3.89
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	220.70	224.00	- 7.70	5.10
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	94.23	95.69	- 3.25	5.30
Nth America	387.90	412.70†	+ 7.40	
Europe	418.70	445.50	+ 7.90	0.09
Brit Expert	103.30	109.90†	- 2.10	2.50
Brit Fedelis Acc	129.10	137.40	- 1.10	4.59
Brit Fedelis Inc	85.21	90.85	- 0.62	4.59
Global Oppt	113.40	120.70†	+ 2.00	
Balanced Acc	69.19	73.61	- 0.51	2.15
Balanced Inc	63.94	68.03	- 0.47	2.15
Japan Acc	44.01	46.87	+ 1.08	
Pac Basin Acc	412.30	438.70†	+ 6.50	0.88
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	134.20	142.50†	- 1.00	6.53
High Inc Equity	201.70	215.70	- 2.10	4.50
Worldwide Bond	268.80	285.10†	+ 2.20	3.80
American Growth	457.20	488.30	+ 5.30	0.34
Asian Pacific	347.10	371.20	+ 5.20	0.37
Assets & Earnings	320.50	342.80†	- 4.80	2.75
Euro Capital Acc	220.80	236.10	+ 3.90	0.84
Extra Inc	43.47	46.24†	0.15	7.92
General	294.70	313.50	- 3.60	2.93
Global Opps	79.55	84.63	+ 1.24	0.47
Japan	104.70	112.00	+ 2.40	
Managed Inc	50.51	53.73†	- 0.08	4.19
Mastertrust	185.70	198.60	+ 0.70	1.21
US Emerging Cos	187.80	200.90	+ 2.70	
Ethical	84.92	90.34†	- 1.93	1.82
International	148.90	158.40	+ 2.00	0.95
Dividend & Growth	75.24	80.04	- 0.57	4.20
Global Gilts & Sec	76.38	81.53	+ 0.13	2.48
Latin America	87.80	93.40	+ 1.61	0.42
Capital Reserve	149.20	149.30	+ 0.20	4.68
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0141 275 8500				
N&P UK Growth	102.40	108.90	- 0.40	2.08
Equity Income	143.50	152.60	- 0.60	3.94
Extra Income	278.60	296.30	- 0.10	6.12
Smaller Cos	107.80	114.60	- 0.80	1.55
International	125.60	133.60†	+ 1.60	1.33
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ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	68.68	72.48	+ 0.45	
Emerging Mkts	80.12	83.44	- 0.06	0.04
European	167.00	173.50	+ 0.30	
Extra Income #	53.23	56.03†	- 1.27	5.81
Far East Emg Eco	130.90	137.40	+ 1.30	0.45
Fixed Interest #	25.73	27.80†	+ 0.06	8.74
Fund Inv Tst #	172.80	181.30		9.16
Japan	183.50	190.80	+ 3.60	
Latin American	74.31	77.34	+ 0.43	0.63
Pacific	84.33	88.53	+ 1.02	0.30
Property Share	85.35	89.60	- 1.90	1.96
UK Emerging Cos	70.85	76.58	- 1.58	7.36
UK Growth	62.30	64.88	- 1.12	1.81
Aber World Port #	88.88	93.33†	- 1.07	2.66
Ethical	84.36	87.74†	- 0.59	2.01
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.20	58.25†	- 0.57	7.38
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Residl Property #	101.60	108.00	+ 0.60	5.26
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Amity Income	98.65	105.73	- 0.63	2.01
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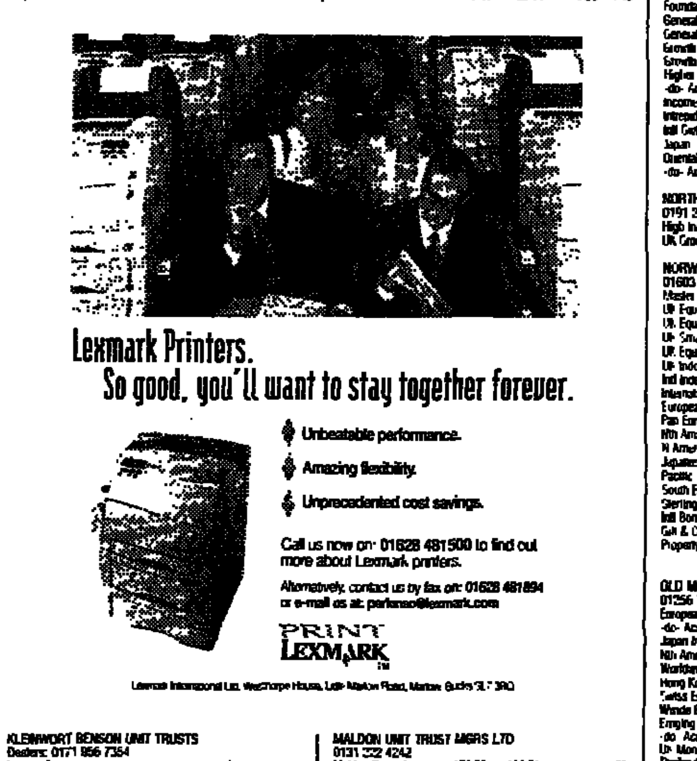
Growth & Income	321.30	343.40	+ 0.20	2.93
Capital	567.20	606.30	- 2.70	1.04
Balanced	932.90	997.20†	- 7.80	2.44
Accumulator	1815.00	1940.00†	+ 3.00	1.61
Income Trusts				
American Income	74.16	79.090	+ 1.55	2.05
High Income	521.50	556.80	- 0.10	3.83
Equity Income	295.30	315.30	- 0.30	3.52
High Yield	313.40	334.60†	.	3.78
Govt Securities	35.63	37.610	+ 0.35	5.52
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	250.00	266.70	+ 3.50	0.04
European Growth	64.81	69.160	+ 2.27	0.06
International	209.20	223.40†	+ 4.00	0.10
Japan	192.30	205.50	+ 8.30	..
Pacific	428.10	457.60	+ 8.70	
Secs of America	674.60	718.30†	+ 11.90	0.11
Wwide Asset Val	60.77	64.960	+ 1.85	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	725.30	775.30†	- 0.40	1.76
Conv & Gilt	54.90	58.680	+ 0.67	3.61
Smaller Cos	208.80	223.20	- 1.60	1.02
2nd Smaller Cos	198.00	211.60	- 7.40	0.73
Recovery	184.20	196.90†	- 1.00	1.22
Met Min & Cdty	158.60	169.50†	- 1.10	0.18
Oseas Earnings	482.40	515.60†	+ 0.50	0.94
Technology	243.50	260.30†	+ 1.50	.
UK Special Sits	643.70	688.10	- 4.30	1.56
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	131.00	136.10	- 1.80	...
Foundtn Persl Pens	77.86	80.89	..	
For BSI-Thornhill see Thornhill				
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	402.20	429.10	+ 10.60	..
Bond	123.00	129.50	+ 1.30	6.41
Brit Smlr Cos	114.20	121.50	- 1.30	1.84
Conv & Gen #	67.91	72.24†	- 0.03	5.36
Europe	335.90	356.20	+ 10.30	0.10
Euro Smlr Cos	129.70	137.90	+ 1.30	0.31
Income Gwth	392.60	417.70†	- 3.10	4.52
Japan	324.30	344.20	+ 8.90	.
Latin American	111.20	118.30†	+ 1.80	0.54
Pacific	125.60	133.60	+ 1.30	0.49
UK Smlr Cos	59.35	63.14	0.91	1.27
Japan Fd	622.10	640.40	+ 20.80	.
Mngd Fd	224.30	238.30	+ 1.90	2.57
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	418.30	442.40	- 0.40	0.80
Capital Gwth	143.60	151.90	- 5.20	2.75
Wwide Opps	246.10	260.30	- 0.20	0.84
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 522 4000				
Balanced Trusts				
Gwth & Inc Inc	475.80	506.20†	- 6.60	1.96
European Bd Inc	99.88	103.50	+ 0.50	5.92
Exempt	93.56	99.52†	- 1.18	2.51
500	508.80	547.10	- 4.60	2.07
General	363.20	386.40	- 4.40	2.10
Property	259.20	278.10†		5.43
Trustee	258.60	275.10	- 3.90	2.05
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.80	100.80	.	5.68
Distribution Gi #	118.90	119.50†	- 1.00	5.74
Extra Income #	153.90	164.10	- 1.60	4.40
Gilt & Fxd Inc	60.43	62.30†	+ 0.49	7.55
Income #	852.20	895.60	- 9.90	4.36
Income Builder #	74.80	79.66	- 1.03	4.99
Intl Income	80.25	85.37	+ 0.28	1.68
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	160.40	170.60	- 2.10	1.95
FTSE 100	116.90	124.10†	- 1.80	2.27
Leisure	183.70	195.90	- 2.00	1.62
Recovery	556.80	593.90	- 8.10	2.14
Small Cos Inc	60.46	64.49	- 0.30	2.18
Special Sits	460.40	489.80	- 5.70	1.84
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	205.20	217.10†	+ 1.50	0.26
F East Gwth Acc	322.70	343.30	- 0.70	0.39
Far East Gwth	191.10	203.30†	- 0.70	0.39
Euro Gwth Inc	219.00	231.80	+ 3.90	0.71
-do- Accum	238.20	252.10	+ 4.30	0.71
Japan	129.90	137.60	+ 3.60	.
-do- Accum	131.40	139.10	+ 3.60	
Japan Spec Sits	61.73	65.39	+ 1.82	.
Worldwide	218.40	231.80	+ 1.50	0.62
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	157.30	166.20	+ 1.10	..
Amer Smlr Cos	153.70	164.10	+ 3.00	
Convertibles	62.90	67.08	- 0.16	3.30
Eastern	304.90	327.50	+ 4.30	0.30
Equity Income #	117.60	118.30†	- 0.80	4.20
European Growth	419.00	445.10†	+ 8.50	0.80
Europe	418.20	445.20†	- 2.90	0.80
German Growth	105.60	111.80	+ 3.80	0.50
Global Bond	72.54	78.31	+ 0.67	6.20
Global Growth	159.30	168.10	+ 1.40	0.40
Japan Growth	188.00	199.30	+ 7.80	.
Japan Sunrise	125.40	132.70	+ 1.70	.
Korea Trust	54.57	58.09	+ 1.31	
Portfolio	162.30	173.10	...	2.80
-do- Accum	309.50	330.00	- 0.20	2.00
UK Growth	121.60	130.40	- 1.00	3.00
UK Smaller Cos	104.60	113.40†	- 1.70	1.90
Select Managers	94.95	101.70	+ 0.40	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	104.00	110.60	+ 3.00	.
Special Oppor Inc	71.85	76.44	+ 1.59	.
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD 0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	163.58	170.39	- 4.06	1.32
-do- Accum	191.43	199.41	- 4.75	1.32
Smaller Cos	174.23	181.49†	- 2.29	0.37
Higher Yield #	62.98	65.60	- 0.56	3.92
American Gth Inc	115.78	120.61	+ 1.48	
European Growth	187.41	195.22	+ 2.39	.
-do- Accum	191.42	199.40	+ 2.45	
Mngd Ptflo Inc	59.70	62.19	+ 0.36	1.25
-do- Accum	62.27	64.86	+ 0.37	1.25
Intl Spec Opps	186.25	194.07	+ 0.91	.
Pacific Gth	166.61	173.56	- 3.37	
UK General #	111.97	116.63	- 1.43	2.85
-do- Accum #	121.50	126.56	- 1.55	2.85
Japan	54.21	58.47	+ 0.72	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	103.06	106.80†	+ 0.78	7.84
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.75	65.58	+ 0.15	6.41
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Environ	196.50	208.80†	- 3.40	1.94
UK Growth	239.90	252.50	- 3.10	2.14
UK Income	164.20	172.80	- 2.00	4.13
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD 01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	257.90	273.30	- 1.40	1.45
-do- Income Dist	138.70	147.00†	- 0.70	3.40
-do- Accum	461.60	489.20†	- 2.30	3.40
Gilt & Fxd Int	42.12	44.26	+ 0.29	6.75
Growth Units	288.70	308.60	- 3.20	1.90
Bond	182.00	197.40	+ 1.30	6.80
Intl Growth	255.70	272.30†	+ 4.80	0.17
North American	295.00	313.40	+ 4.80	0.08
Far East	320.30	342.50	+ 2.50	0.57
UK Smaller Cos	242.40	259.30†	- 3.90	1.10
European	108.30	115.00	+ 2.50	0.44
Japanese Growth	42.58	45.12	+ 1.27	
High Income	244.30	261.10	- 2.30	3.89
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0181 831 7455				
American & Gen	244.90	259.60	+ 3.80	
European Inc	111.30	118.00	+ 2.10	0.33
Smaller Cos (4-1)	113.20	120.50	- 1.90	1.51
Growth	613.20	652.40	- 3.70	1.92
Income & Growth #	517.80	550.90	- 3.10	3.53
-do- Accum #	793.80	844.50	- 4.80	3.53
Japan & Gen	63.41	67.20	+ 2.39	.
Hallmark Gwth	1364.00	1421.00	+ 3.00	1.62
-do- Accum	1699.00	1770.00	+ 4.00	1.62
Special Sits	142.20	151.30	- 0.20	1.91
High Yield	1653.00	1705.00†	- 11.00	4.01
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	110.21	117.51	- 0.06	2.09
American Portfolio	140.95	149.45†	+ 1.73	0.96
European Portfolio	156.00	165.94	+ 4.08	0.56
High Income	53.53	53.65†	+ 0.38	7.13
Japanese Portfolio	63.32	67.18†	+ 2.09	
Pacific Portfolio	164.35	176.73†	+ 1.24	0.75
UK Equity	105.37	112.54	- 1.70	3.14
UK Equity & Bd	61.77	65.46	0.10	6.16
UK Smlr Cos	53.71	57.45	- 0.70	1.63
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	817.57	860.37	- 16.46	4.02
Inv Fd Acc	850.34	872.32	- 4.51	
Fxd Int Sec Inc	157.50	158.14	- 3.29	9.11
Fxd Int Sec Acc	161.70	161.84	+ 0.41	
COIF CHARITY FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	844.26	857.02	- 13.20	4.04
Investment Acc	3981.33	4041.51	62.77	
Fixed Int Inc	130.92	131.44	+ 0.87	8.83
Fixed Int Acc	249.04	250.04	+ 1.68	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	87.94	92.71	+ 0.92	5.40
Beck Bio-Tech	40.16	43.58†	+ 0.12	
Acorn Ethical Tst	197.99	207.91†	+ 0.66	0.45
City Fin Assets	85.73	90.02	+ 1.20	1.88
City Fin Intl	94.75	89.50†	- 0.17	0.06
Friars Hse Cap	325.76	346.02	- 2.76	2.30
Buckley Wrld Grth	149.42	158.38	+ 4.68	.
J Std Inc/Gth Inc	62.63	65.77		3.25
Shaw Utilities	67.50	69.02†	0.02	6.42
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	61.81	65.58	+ 1.67	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0345 772 233				
American Gwth	88.60	94.47	+ 2.05	.
Dragon Growth	76.00	81.28	+ 0.88	0.29
Equity High Inc	101.83	107.75†	- 1.66	3.60
-do- Accum	150.84	159.61	- 0.79	3.60
Extra Income Inc	27.65	29.10	+ 0.23	6.74
Extra Income Acc	31.31	32.95	+ 0.26	6.74
European Gwth	74.48	78.81	+ 2.56	0.26
Evergreen	32.89	35.17	+ 0.31	
General Equity	120.06	126.71	- 0.56	2.57
Japan Growth	44.74	47.60	+ 1.30	
Pedigree Gwth	71.43	75.58	0.65	2.02
Pod Sm Cos Inc	39.87	42.19†	- 0.61	1.27
-do- Accum	42.70	45.19	- 0.65	1.27
Retirement Inc #	30.98	32.96	- 0.19	5.47
Special Sits	51.74	55.63	- 0.20	2.61
UK & Overseas	67.86	71.81	+ 0.75	0.56
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD 01634 898 000				
Balanced	76.02	80.02	- 0.16	3.86
Capital	92.20	96.04	0.43	2.29
High Income	54.02	56.27†	+ 0.45	6.58
Top 50	65.27	67.93	- 0.33	2.37
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	207.15	215.80	3.63	4.47
Long Gilt	46.48	48.39	+ 0.56	5.79
Monthly Inc Plus	53.50	55.73	+ 0.58	8.04
Preference Share	51.02	53.15	+ 0.62	7.33
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	153.93	160.36	- 1.83	5.59
Managed Fund	82.53	85.98	+ 0.36	2.83
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.47	55.70	- 0.63	1.52
-do- Accum	63.95	66.62	- 0.74	1.52
UK & General	109.27	113.83	- 0.73	2.47
-do- Accum	144.85	150.90	- 0.97	2.47
UK Growth	218.04	227.15	- 2.70	1.73
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	246.11	256.38	+ 6.76	0.52
Far Eastern Grth	138.68	144.47	+ 2.85	0.02
Global Bond	74.15	77.25	+ 0.42	6.65
Japan Growth	108.79	113.33	+ 2.97	
North Amer Gdb	277.53	289.12	+ 3.32	
Oriental Growth	88.65	92.35	+ 1.58	0.25
Worldwide Growth	80.06	83.40	+ 1.09	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.20	92.20	+ 0.09	5.70
Homemaker Fund	99.54	105.90	+ 0.50	2.04
Quilter Fund	170.67	181.58	- 1.68	1.98
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	37.77	40.37	- 0.75	3.91
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	192.50	204.80†	- 3.50	1.62
Income	78.53	83.54	- 0.67	4.22
European	86.11	91.61	+ 1.92	0.22
Recovery	186.40	198.30	- 0.90	2.39
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 288 9494				
Equity Dist	1106.20	1123.10		3.11
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	115.70	123.00	- 1.00	1.11
Income #	303.70	323.00†	- 2.90	4.26
-do- Accum #	825.90	878.60	- 7.80	4.26
Smaller Cos	233.20	248.00	- 2.30	0.96
-do- Accum	290.50	309.00	- 2.70	0.96
Gth Portfolio	107.90	114.70	- 0.60	1.24
High Inc Port #	89.46	95.17	- 1.17	4.39
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 470 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1779.90	1802.10	+ 15.70	
UK Small Cos	2270.10	2360.00	- 20.50	2.91
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	240.00	247.40†	- 3.30	3.14
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	192.00	204.20†	- 4.60	1.58
UK High Inc Inc	200.00	212.70†	- 3.30	3.35
-do- Accum	278.70	296.40†	- 4.70	3.35
UK Pref & F I Inc	60.85	64.63†	- 1.02	5.72
Eurowrld Opps	113.30	120.50	- 1.80	0.83
UK Smlr Cos #	73.91	78.62	- 0.84	0.86
Extra Income Inc	52.48	55.78	+ 0.51	6.57
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 526				
Convertibles #	23.49	24.96†	- 0.41	5.61
Enterprise	116.20	123.20†	- 0.70	2.03
Equity Income #	153.40	163.00†	- 3.10	3.93
European	71.82	76.02	+ 1.67	
Financial	66.48	70.64	+ 0.55	1.42
Growth & Inc #	314.50	334.20	- 1.40	2.62
High Dist #	193.00	205.10†	- 1.00	4.14
International	459.70	488.40	+ 5.40	0.20
Intl Cap Inc	117.60	125.50	+ 2.60	2.15
Latin American	38.80	41.23	+ 0.85	
Pacific	87.16	92.61	+ 0.21	
Pref High Inc	23.72	25.20	+ 0.36	7.14
Tokyo	208.20	220.20	+ 7.30	
UK Smaller Cos	256.20	271.20†	- 1.70	1.11
Dunedin Unit Trusts:				
Japan Sm Cos	351.60	372.40	+ 10.10	
Nth Amer	487.90	516.90	+ 8.00	0.57
UK Inc & Grth	278.60	297.10	- 0.20	2.49
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
BBI Director Ulgs	128.34	137.26†	- 2.26	0.94
Growth Acc	298.92	319.83		0.60
Income	613.10	652.95	- 14.10	6.89
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	246.30	262.00	- 1.90	1.06
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	104.90	110.42†	+ 1.85	1.50
Ethical Tst	51.78	54.50	+ 1.37	0.75
Far Eastern	319.46	338.27	+ 5.42	1.48
High Income	156.63	163.82†	- 0.21	4.48
UK Index Trcking	60.37	63.56	+ 0.24	2.86
Intl Growth	154.90	163.05	+ 1.58	0.91
North American	170.39	179.36	+ 4.16	1.78
Pelican	163.06	171.64	+ 0.55	2.85
Smaller Cos	72.89	76.73†	- 2.13	2.46
Special Sits	96.99	102.09	- 1.82	2.75
Tst of Inv Tsts	236.53	248.98	+ 0.36	1.25
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	112.88	119.77	- 0.46	.
Fd of Inv Tsts	57.27	60.76	- 0.10	0.48
High Income #	41.64	44.15	+ 0.13	11.33
War & Gl Opps	50.32	54.11	+ 0.09	..
Zero Preference	46.87	49.73†	+ 0.04	.
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	106.90	113.70	- 1.00	2.34
United Charities	342.20	364.00	- 3.40	1.59
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	.	5.80
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	26.75	27.73	+ 0.27	5.27
Strategic Inc	28.43	29.71†	+ 0.13	5.72
Income Funds				
High Income	28.61	30.04†	- 0.08	5.13
Income Plus	147.00	156.30†	- 2.00	3.83
European Income	57.31	60.89	+ 0.78	2.23
UK Div Gth	35.34	37.58	- 0.18	2.22
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	58.25	62.14	+ 1.16	.
American	370.20	393.50	+ 5.10	.
Amer Spec Sits	207.10	220.90†	+ 1.80	.
Japan Smaller Cos	27.12	28.83	+ 0.67	
European	268.10	285.10	+ 3.20	0.48
European Opps	97.45	103.60	+ 2.50	0.56
Global Ptw	36.87	39.21	+ 0.77	0.42
UK Growth	136.10	144.80	- 0.90	1.35
Growth & Inc	201.90	214.70	- 1.10	2.22
Intl PEP	54.89	58.37	+ 0.33	0.94
Japan Spec Sits	79.53	84.25	+ 2.65	.
Japan	178.30	189.10	+ 4.10	
Managed Intl	406.40	431.80	+ 6.80	0.62
Moneybuilder	72.15	76.72	+ 0.49	
Recovery	66.52	70.73	- 0.19	1.93
South E Asia	202.30	215.60	+ 0.60	0.89
Special Sits	803.60	854.50	+ 3.10	0.52
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	119.44	119.44	+ 0.10	5.80
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	164.00	165.20		1.66
Finsbury Pfl Inc #	103.40	104.10†	+ 0.60	6.34
Cap Ptflio	183.50	185.20	+ 2.50	0.09
General Opps	154.30	155.70†	- 2.60	3.30
Growth Inc	42.34	42.76†	- 0.21	1.73
Private Portfolio	531.20	538.30	- 4.30	1.15
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	168.20	176.70	+ 4.10	
High Income	23.31	24.78	- 0.17	9.08
Japan Smlr Cos	16.24	17.40	+ 0.32	
US Smaller Cos	471.10	504.10	+ 15.30	
For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter				
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	83.84	89.12	+ 0.65	
-do- Accum	83.84	89.12	+ 0.65	
Amer Smlr Cos	684.40	732.00	+ 15.50	
-do- Accum	699.30	747.60	+ 15.80	
Capital Tst	412.10	438.40	- 13.40	1.26
-do- Accum	608.50	647.30	- 19.80	1.26
Contl Smlr Cos	63.62	67.89†	- 0.79	0.97
-do- Accum	68.31	72.89†	- 0.17	0.97
Convertible	146.70	156.10	- 0.10	5.17
-do- Accum	325.10	345.90	- 0.20	5.17
Emerging Markets	76.86	82.12	+ 2.35	0.54
-do- Accum	77.48	82.78	+ 2.38	0.54
European	172.40	181.60†	+ 3.60	0.50
-do- Accum	182.30	192.00†	+ 3.70	0.50
Extra Income	429.10	456.50	- 0.30	4.02
-do- Accum	691.36	738.00	- 0.60	4.02
Financial	205.60	218.70†	+ 2.90	0.46
-do- Accum	220.10	234.20†	+ 2.90	0.46
Gilt Trust	63.38	65.35	+ 0.15	7.04
-do- Accum	101.60	104.70	+ 0.20	7.04
Health Fund Inc	270.10	288.60†	+ 9.60	
-do- Accum	270.70	288.60†	+ 9.80	...
Income & Growth	248.30	264.10†	- 2.80	4.08
-do- Accum	406.30	432.70†	- 4.60	4.08
Intl Growth	452.80	482.30†	+ 4.10	
-do- Accum	502.70	535.60†	+ 4.60	
Japan & Gen	160.50	170.40	+ 4.00	
-do- Accum	162.10	172.00	+ 3.90	
Monthly Inc #	217.70	231.60	+ 0.40	4.26
-do- Accum #	222.70	236.90	+ 0.40	4.26
Managed Port Inc	128.00	134.70	- 1.40	1.33
-do- Accum	140.70	148.10	1.70	1.33
Quarterly Income #	59.74	63.93†	- 0.49	5.07
-do- Accum #	70.56	75.52†	- 0.58	5.07
Recovery	353.60	378.20	+ 0.70	..
-do- Accum	417.40	446.40	+ 0.80	
UK Growth	72.39	77.07†	- 0.82	2.76
-do- Accum	79.98	85.08†	- 0.90	2.76
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	71.54	76.10	+ 0.46	0.05
FP Am Smlr Cos	211.40	225.40†	+ 4.60	
FP Asian Growth	297.70	317.50	- 1.50	
FP Australian	466.10	497.10	+ 0.80	..
FP Equity Dist	507.50	541.30†	- 6.70	2.11
-do- Accum	1145.00	1221.00	- 15.00	2.11
FP Euro Gth	345.00	367.90	+ 7.60	
-do- Accum	377.90	403.00	+ 8.30	
FP Intl Bond	56.43	59.71	+ 0.59	4.13
FP Intl Gth Dist	42.22	45.03	+ 0.09	
-do- Accum	62.02	66.15	+ 0.14	.
FP Pac Basin Acc	232.30	247.70	+ 0.80	
FP Income #	63.76	68.01†	- 3.18	4.69
-do- Accum #	231.70	247.10	- 5.90	4.50
FP Jap Smlr Cos	251.50	268.20	+ 2.80	
FP Monthly Dist #	80.47	85.83†	- 1.35	5.18
FP Stlg Deposit	100.70	100.70		5.31
FP Tokyo	77.59	82.76	+ 1.04	
FP UK Focus	47.70	50.88	- 0.85	1.49
FP UK Growth	224.90	239.80	- 5.20	1.76
-do- Accum	457.40	487.80	- 10.60	1.76
Stewardship Dist	460.50	491.20†	- 5.00	1.27
-do- Accum	585.80	624.80	- 6.40	1.27
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	79.10	84.37†	- 0.52	4.85
-do- Accum #	111.80	119.20	- 0.80	4.85
N Am Stshp Dist	147.20	157.00	+ 2.50	0.06
-do- Accum	158.40	168.90	+ 2.60	0.06
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	114.60	115.10†	- 2.40	2.90
Inst Ethical Ac #	115.80	116.30	- 1.20	2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	139.70	148.60†	- 2.50	0.58
Open Cap Gth Acc	142.80	151.90†	- 0.10	
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	126.40	134.40	- 1.20	2.72
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	135.40	144.00	- 1.20	2.72
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	131.00	139.30	- 0.90	3.72
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	141.90	150.90	- 0.80	3.72
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	333.10	353.40†	- 5.00	1.63
Cash	49.44	50.18†	+ 0.03	4.54
Growth Portfolio	102.00	108.50	+ 0.90	
Income Portfolio	80.52	85.43†	+ 0.28	2.89
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	245.00	262.00	- 1.70	0.49
Dividend	109.20	116.80	2.20	3.86
Intl Gth & Inc	278.50	297.90	+ 0.50	1.33
UK & Gen	55.18	59.02	- 0.62	1.15
Fund of Funds	81.12	86.76	- 0.06	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smlr Cos	220.30	235.50	+ 5.20	0.14
European Gth	820.00	872.30	+ 6.60	0.56
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	57.08	60.49	+ 0.16	3.94
-do- Accum	65.56	68.47	+ 0.20	3.94
High Yield #	51.97	54.91†	+ 0.53	7.46
-do- Accum #	60.06	63.45	+ 0.61	7.46
Income Inc	211.90	226.70	- 2.30	3.81
-do- Accum	246.10	263.30	- 2.70	3.81
Intl Growth	405.20	430.00	+ 2.30	0.29
Intl Income	105.40	117.60†	- 0.60	2.12
Japan Growth	459.60	487.60	+ 8.00	
Orient Acc	218.40	233.60	+ 1.70	0.13
UK General Inc	201.80	215.50	- 3.60	1.63
UK General Acc	362.30	386.90	- 6.60	1.63
UK Sm Cos Dlr Acc	64.32	68.80	0.60	1.09
UK Spec Sits	113.60	121.50	- 0.90	1.35
US Growth	208.10	220.30	- 1.00	
Wwide Spec Sits	171.70	182.50	- 0.60	.
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	66.16	70.65	+ 0.09	1.94
Practical Inv Inc #	134.48	143.83	- 0.53	3.34
-do- Accum #	326.65	349.57	- 0.82	3.34
UK Index	204.27	205.30	- 1.17	2.94
UK Smaller Cos	229.02	244.94	- 4.41	0.30
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	25.43	26.35	+ 0.04	6.94
High Income	38.63	41.24†	+ 0.24	4.12
UK Growth & Inc	178.73	191.03	- 1.05	2.50
Global Bond	28.17	29.21	+ 0.17	4.76
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	52.90	56.58	+ 1.53	
Global Managed	159.54	169.48	+ 3.67	1.14
Gold & Intl Res	111.51	119.26†	+ 2.68	
Global Utilities	167.50	178.49	+ 2.48	0.79
Overseas Funds				
American	225.07	238.41†	+ 4.48	0.50
European	160.93	170.74	+ 5.39	0.47
Euro Sel Opps	246.48	261.74	+ 7.63	
Amer Emerging	179.71	191.45	+ 5.44	
Hong Kong	222.89	238.29	+ 6.87	0.72
Japan	213.79	226.73	+ 6.44	
Pacific Growth	240.75	259.31†	+ 6.72	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	281.03	281.03	- 2.93	1.74
Long Term Bal	302.54	302.64	+ 1.07	2.73
Med Term Bal	246.08	246.08	+ 0.33	2.53
UK Equity	337.50	337.50†	- 2.22	2.36
UK Emerging Cos	186.66	196.89†	- 2.21	2.09
American	321.72	321.72	+ 5.26	0.34
Japan	125.29	125.29	+ 4.20	
European	415.76	415.76	+ 12.02	0.72
Index Linked Gilt	191.65	191.65†	+ 0.45	2.67
Fixed Interest	139.83	139.83†	+ 1.55	7.04
Amer Emerge	337.17	337.17	+ 10.76	
Pacific	235.22	235.22†	- 1.74	0.58
Emerging Mkts	143.65	143.65	- 3.67	0.62
Index Stat Japan	131.16	131.16	- 2.00	0.22
-do- Pacific Rim	214.71	214.71	- 4.32	1.10
-do- Cont Europe	220.34	220.34	- 4.94	1.24
Index Stat USA	227.19	227.79	- 2.30	1.39
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	134.69	143.29	- 0.62	.
Med Term Bal	117.90	125.42	+ 0.34	
Cash Trust	150.54	150.54†	+ 0.13	5.65
Long Term Bal	138.75	145.47	+ 0.66	.
UK Equity	157.29	167.32	- 1.09	
UK Emerging Cos	89.09	93.70	- 1.10	
American	177.19	186.49	+ 2.62	
Japan	59.94	63.76	+ 2.15	
European	173.04	184.09	- 5.35	
Fixed Interest	98.32	104.59	- 0.85	
Index Linked Gilt	85.48	90.93	- 0.21	
Deposit	95.60	96.59	- 0.08	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	165.74	175.52	+ 0.30	0.48
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	710.56	755.91	+ 4.55	0.92
-do- Accum	826.56	858.03	+ 5.16	0.92
European Inc	196.31	209.44	+ 2.97	1.65
Amalgam Inc	173.51	164.59	- 0.63	
N America Inc	446.82	475.34	+ 10.61	
Far East Inc	394.20	419.38	- 6.41	0.90
-do- Accum	409.14	435.25	+ 6.66	0.90
UK Dvdd Inc	230.25	244.95	+ 0.03	2.00
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	130.920	139.500	+ 0.37	
Do NAV to Jun 20	123.59	123.59		
UK Equity Safeguard	102.86	108.99	- 0.08	2.47
Do NAV to Jun 20	96.69	96.69		.
Cash	9.5442	9.5920	+ 0.01	5.50
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	319.80	339.00†	- 5.20	1.79
British Growth	75.94	81.21	- 0.35	1.43
UK Small Cos	75.64	80.89	- 1.20	0.49
FTSE 250 Index	93.45	99.93	- 0.90	2.11
Geared UK Index	19.5601	20.6492†	- 0.49	5.00
Income Funds				
UK Equity Inc #	99.91	106.84	- 2.62	4.24
Corp Bd	80.09	82.74	+ 0.07	
Monthly Inc	40.48	43.12†	- 0.89	8.88
International Funds				
American Gen	270.10	286.00	+ 2.50	
American Strat	244.43	261.41	+ 5.82	
JG US Index	20.6780	21.7879†	+ 0.51	4.00
European Gen	318.40	336.90	+ 8.00	0.71
European Strat	135.17	144.56	+ 0.72	.
Japan Gen	150.90	159.70	+ 4.60	.
Japan Strat	51.83	55.42	+ 1.62	
Asia Pacific	104.56	111.81	+ 1.78	
Pacific Strat	168.73	180.45	+ 1.25	
Greater China	287.65	307.65	+ 12.05	
Latin America	120.32	128.54	+ 3.02	
Intl Growth	176.34	188.59	+ 2.63	.
Balanced Exempt	149.40	153.60		2.38
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 9898				
European	672.70	718.60	+ 13.90	
Gilt & Fixed	135.50	143.70	+ 1.00	5.46
Growth Equity	487.80	521.10†	- 7.10	1.30
Income Trust	168.90	180.40	- 1.80	3.80
International	226.30	241.60	+ 3.30	
Japan Trust	119.70	127.80	+ 3.80	
Nth American	404.10	431.70	+ 6.80	.
Pacific	597.10	637.90	+ 9.80	0.02
Guardhill	718.20	767.30	- 7.50	1.21
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	99.13	102.87†	- 1.93	5.37
Global High Inc	95.90	99.51	+ 0.72	5.22
Corporate Bond	108.79	112.94	+ 1.06	6.92
Eqty & Bond Inc	121.14	129.81	+ 0.21	4.80
European Growth	150.42	159.94	+ 6.60	
Intl PEP Trust	80.72	85.83	+ 1.65	
Equity Inc	151.01	160.56†	- 0.96	3.46
-do- Accum	227.20	241.56	- 1.48	3.46
Recovery	456.80	485.70†	- 4.90	2.53
-do- Accum	549.20	584.00	- 5.80	2.53
St Vinc High Inc	141.10	143.21	+ 2.61	6.82
UK Emerg Cos	327.20	348.00†	- 0.40	2.71
UK Smlr Cos	431.10	438.70	- 0.10	3.03
Glob Pdr Tst	144.84	154.01	+ 2.30	0.93
-do- Accum	150.59	160.12	+ 2.39	0.93
Inc Share Tst	97.13	103.28†	- 1.58	8.49
Small Cos	105.39	112.02	+ 0.27	1.98
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing 0171 220 5050				
Balanced Inc	59.61	63.21	0.07	3.34
Balanced Acc	64.17	68.04	- 0.08	3.34
Growth	36.90	39.13	- 0.06	1.92
Growth Acc	38.43	40.75	- 0.06	1.92
Income	34.93	37.04†	- 0.51	4.16
Income Acc	38.38	40.69	- 0.05	4.16
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	30.02	32.57	- 0.06	2.89
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing 01277 690 380				
High Powder	101.90	105.30†	+ 0.70	6.41
Model Ptflio	269.50	283.50	- 2.80	2.07
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 680 230 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Pert Acc	48.83	51.81	+ 0.67	2.93
HENDERSON INVESTORS Enquiries 0645 484848 Dealing 0845 484648				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	390.87	418.22	- 1.96	0.80
Best of British	91.01	86.10†	0.49	2.36
UK Smaller Cos	161.92	174.05	- 2.68	0.87
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	341.32	363.49†	- 1.70	3.72
-do- Accum #	892.39	1058.85	- 4.96	3.72
High Income	372.90	389.68†	- 0.69	4.32
Extra Income #	318.11	338.30†	- 5.23	6.48
Pref & Bond	51.65	53.38†	+ 0.68	8.00
International				
Ethical	130.90	139.99	+ 0.20	1.47
International	362.47	385.04	+ 7.78	
Global Bond	53.60	56.44†	- 0.32	5.74
Ind Port Tst	107.94	115.43†	- 0.33	0.15
Global Tech	236.53	252.06†	- 1.13	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	205.03	219.24	+ 0.35	0.42
European	726.49	768.06†	+ 20.28	0.48
European Income #	105.61	111.82	+ 1.72	3.20
Euro Smlr Cos	223.84	229.02†	- 0.28	0.95
European Value	107.12	114.05	+ 1.55	
-do- Accum	115.68	123.17	+ 1.66	
Japan Trust	202.74	222.79	+ 8.03	



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Income Trusts				
Bond Income	103.70	107.10†	- 0.70	6.71
Euro Priv Inc	116.30	123.70	+ 3.00	2.75
-do- Accum	116.30	123.70	+ 3.00	2.75
Gilt Yield	121.90	128.60†	- 0.80	6.29
Global Income	252.60	268.70†	+ 1.80	2.98
High Yield	181.60	193.20	- 0.80	4.83
-do- Accum	612.80	651.80	- 2.20	4.83
Money Market	100.03	100.03†	+ 0.07	5.73
Smlr Cos Div	65.51	69.69†	- 2.15	3.71
Tomorrows Co Ex Acc	10.76	10.91†	- 0.04	3.40
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	169.90	180.70	+ 1.70	
Asian Growth	320.70	341.20	+ 4.20	
-do- Accum	376.90	401.00	+ 4.90	
North American	124.50	132.50	+ 0.70	.
European Special	150.00	159.60	+ 1.00	1.04
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	185.50	189.70†		4.03
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 0800 363432				
High Inc #	98.66	101.70†	+ 0.40	6.46
M & S Inv Ptflo	196.30	202.40	+ 1.50	2.36
-do- Accum	235.30	242.60	+ 1.30	2.36
UK Sel Ptflo	175.10	180.50†	- 1.90	2.37
-do- Accum	215.50	222.20†	+ 0.10	2.37
UK 100 Cos	136.60	136.60	- 0.10	2.44
-do- Accum	140.00	140.00	- 0.10	2.44
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	72.86	77.51	+ 0.47	3.37
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4846				

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

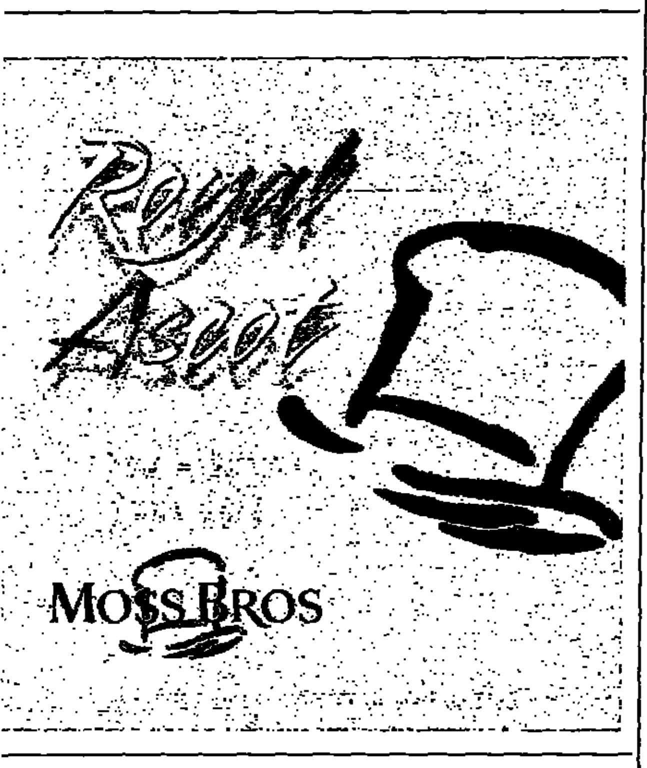
1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
469	407½	Allied Domecq	453	-1	6.9	12.8
626	517½	Bulmer (HP)	520		3.3	15.5
75½	54½	Burn Stewart	54½	-1½	7.8	11.6
1040	865	Glenmorangie A	887½	-½	1.7	23.2
613	425½	Grand Met	592	-	3.7	17.8
615	424	Guinness	575	+4	3.5	16.4
387	321½	Highland Distil	332		3.2	15.5
336	243	Matthew Clark	249½		12.0	11.8
109½	70½	Marydown W	72		8.0	9.7
1978½	1462½	SA Breweries	1903½	+16½	2.2	

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4706½	3671½	ABN-AMRO	4353½	+12½	2.6	18.2
971	710	Abbey Nat	859½	+16	3.6	15.2
655	532½	Alliance & Leic	634½	-2	3.4	14.8
476½	388½	Allied Irish	456	-5	3.8	12.1
479½	363½	Aus New Z	471½	+10	4.5	
7678½	5753½	Bank America	7412½	-153½		
438½	291½	Bank Scotland	364½	-2	2.8	11.1
1299	979½	Barclays	1177	+16½	3.3	11.9
703½	517½	Bk of Ireland	694		3.5	
7890½	6006½	Citicorp	7106½	+16½		
1759½	1268½	Commerzbk	1725	+6½	2.5	
862½	559½	Cut Intl Nat Y	665½	-29½	0.7	
3597½	2709½	Deutsche Bk	3547½	+18½	1.8	
1069½	799½	Espirito Santo	1079½		3.6	
872½	504½	Fuji Bank Y	836½	-7½	0.5	
1917	1272½	HSBC	1914½	+30	2.7	16.6
1547	1341	HSBC HK	1930½	+28	2.8	15.9
776	714	Halifax	735½	-6	2.5	22.0
610	483½	Irish Perm	585		2.8	
645	474	Lloyds TSB	601½	+13	2.7	19.6
888½	669½	Nat Aust Bk	875	-3	4.7	11.1
844½	663½	Nat West	760½	+4½	4.6	11.7
662½	508	Royal Bk Scott	624	-23	3.9	13.4
1046	681	Stand Chart	903½	+7½	1.9	16.8
£164	£164½	Wells Fargo	£161½		1.9	
374½	315½	Westpac	334½	+10½	4.6	

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
140	114	Adwest	114	-1	8.6	16.0
197	185	Airflow Stream	185		5.4	
757	610	Avon Rubber	610		4.1	12.6
285	227½	Bostrom	281		3.1	11.6
16½	16½	Boustead	16½			
107	97½	Britax	98		4.5	13.5
762	667½	First Tech	756		1.6	22.4
1064½	907	GKN	1019½	-3	3.2	
3653½	3263½	General Mtr	3487½		3.5	
583½	416½	Heywood	465		4.0	11.0
2051	1540½	Honda Motor	1869½	-8½	0.7	
413½	344½	Laird	377		4.3	10.8
229	180	LucasVarity	192	+10	0.0	19.3
165½	131	Mayflower	148	-1½	1.9	27.9
112½	177½	Sylone	122½	+5	5.6	9.7
179	123	T & N	127½		5.9	
85½	32½	Toad	44½	+1		
339½	238	Trinity Hldgs	238½		4.8	11.3



BRITISH FUNDS

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Reams Of Verse does Cecil proud

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

HENRY CECIL clearly has a way with the ladies. The Newmarket trainer, successful in both fillies' classics with Bosra Sham and Lady Carla 12 months ago, repeated the feat at Epsom yesterday when Reams Of Verse complemented Sleepytime's 1,000 Guineas victory by winning the Vodafone Oaks.

BIG-RACE DETAILS

4.00 VODAFONE OAKS (Group I: 3-Y-O: £182,250: 1m 4f 10yd)

REAMS OF VERSE ch f Nureyev - Modena (K Abdulla) 9-0 K Fallon (5-6 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating) 1.

Gazelle Royale b f Garde Royale - Beautiwal (D Thompson) 9-0 J Fortune (33-1) 2.

Crown Of Light b f Mtoto - Russian Countess (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-0 O Peslier (11-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 6 Yashmak (4th), 15-2 Ebadiyla (6th), 11 Siyadah, 25 Ukraine Venture, 33 Attire, Book At Bedtime, 50 Bint Baladee, 66 Etoile (5th), 150 Imperial Scholar. 12 ran. 1½l, ¾l, ½l, hd, 1½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.90, £1.10, £3.90, £2.00. DF: £37.80. Trio: £83.00. CSF: £39.26.

Reams Of Verse hoisted Cecil's fifth victory in this race but none will have been gained more dramatically. The chestnut was hemmed in for much of the home straight as Ebadiyla, Yashmak and, finally, Gazelle Royale reached for the front.

Although Gazelle Royale looked the likely winner approaching the final furlong, Kieren Fallon had by now switched Reams Of Verse to the wide outside; the filly's superior class saw her home by 1½ lengths.

Cecil later admitted he was not convinced Reams Of Verse would cope with this 12 furlongs. "I questioned it slightly but I still thought she would win well today," he said. "I didn't really watch the race. I just like to see the final furlong and she proved her point when she got free of trouble."

Fallon should dedicate his victory to the eccentric workings of Italy's racing authorities. Twelve days ago, the jockey picked up a ten-day ban in the Italian Derby, but his suspension — which should have disqualified him from riding yesterday — was deferred to a less prestigious chapter of the season.

Fallon husbanded Reams Of Verse's stamina through the race and his version of events was probably accurate. "If I hadn't found trouble," he noted, "I would probably have kicked sooner than I wanted." Perhaps the most remarkable detail to emerge from this race was that Nureyev, Reams Of Verse's sire, recorded his second 12-furlong classic winner in the space of five days. In this respect the stallion had previously failed over 15 European seasons.

In all likelihood Reams Of Verse mastered a collection of mediocre opponents. However, credit is due to John Hammond, the Chantilly-based trainer, whose Gazelle Royale belied her 33-1 starting price in finishing second.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: **ARABIAN STORY**
(5.05 Epsom)
Next best: **Entrepreneur**
(3.45 Epsom)

Hammond's decision to saddle Gazelle Royale was more than handsomely rewarded, although her jockey, Jimmy Fortune, collected a two-day ban for careless riding as did Frankie Dettori, partnering Fatefully later in the Vodacall Victress Stakes.

If Reams Of Verse tormented her supporters en route to victory, no such worries governed Singspiel's imperious stroll in the Vodafone Coronation Cup. The globe-trotting five-year-old, who has earned nearly £3.5 million, was in a league apart, sauntering away from Dushyantor to prevail in a common canter.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Reams Of Verse, left, powers ahead in the Vodafone Oaks at Epsom yesterday

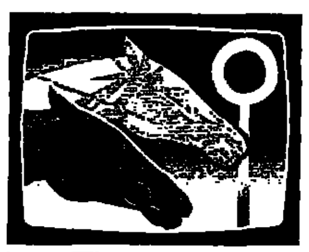
Stay with Faithful Son

EPSOM — CHANNEL 4

2.00: A high draw and plenty of pace are essential here and **Dashing Blue**, drawn 11, makes appeal. Laurel Delight and Speed On look the main dangers.

2.30: Faithful Son, who won a fast-run Newbury maiden before quickening decisively to beat Za-Im in a conditions event at Leicester, should be followed. Amid Albadu, beaten by Among Men, the selection's stablemate, is the main danger.

3.00: The Dilettanti impressed when winning at Newmarket and he can defy top weight. Champagne Prince and Fahs are drawn wide and Autumn Cover looks a bigger threat.



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

3.45: see page 52.

4.30: Hidden Meadow, an impressive winner of the Free Handicap, should be given a chance to atone for a disappointing effort in the 2,000 Guineas. Tomba can follow him home.

RICHARD EVANS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Epsom

Going: good, good to firm in back straight

2.10 (6f) 1, DANCE TRICK (J Reid, 11-8 fav); 2, Another Fantasy (L Dettori, 10-1); 3, Flaming Ember (Pat Eddery, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Bannngham Blade (4th), 12 Conectis (6th), 14 Smooth Sailing (5th), Truth Teller, 16 Narrogin. 8 ran. 1¾l, ¾l, 4l, sh hd, 2½l. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £1.50, £1.80. DF: £8.00. CSF: £11.67.

2.45 (1m 4f 10yd) 1, SINGSPIEL (L Dettori, 5-4 fav); 2, Dushyantor (K Fallon, 9-2); 3, Le Destin (T Gillet, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Oscar Schindler (5th), 14 Ela-Aristokrati (4th). 5 ran. 5l, ½l, 4l, 1¼l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.70. DF: £2.50. CSF: £6.12.

3.20 (7f) 1, COSMIC PRINCE (R Cochrane, 7-1); 2, Gee Bee Dream (S Drowne, 14-1); 3, Sharp Temper (M Hills, 12-1); 4, Restless Spirit (J Weaver, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Great Child, 7 Sleepless, 10 Shawm (6th), Zama, 11 Assume, 12 Plan For Profit, 16 Jeffrey Anotherred, 20 Return Of Amin (5th), 25 Impulsif, Song Of Skye, 33 Bachelors Pad, Milroy, Rudi's Pet. 17 ran. 2½l, sh hd, nk, ½l, sh hd. M Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £8.00; £1.90, £3.80, £3.40, £3.90. DF: £109.30. Trio: £1,043.50. CSF: £89.72. Tricast: £1,074.50.

4.00 See above

4.35 (1m 114yd) 1, PHILISTAR (B Doyle, 20-1); 2, Sweet Wilhelmina (Aimee Cook, 6-1); 3, Star Talent (R Cochrane, 8-1); 4, Virtual Reality (S Sanders, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Tramplin, 10 Sandabar, 11 Toujours Riviera, 12 Sylvan Princess, Young Precedent (6th), 14 Mantles Prince (5th), Orange Place, 16 Amber Fort, Cinema Paradiso, La Modiste, 20 Ertlon, 25 Pride Of Pendle, 33 Night Wink, Unconditional Love. 18 ran. NR: Red Robbo. 1½l, 1¼l, ½l, ½l, 4l. K Burke at Wantage. Tote: £34.50; £6.40, £1.80, £2.50, £2.40. DF: £50.20. Trio: £123.10. CSF: £126.71. Tricast: £1,012.13.

5.10 (1m 114yd) 1, SAMARA (Pat Eddery, 6-1, Thunderer's nap); 2, Charlotte Corday (M Hills, 11-4 fav); 3, Out West (K Fallon, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Fatefully (4th), 10 Mane Dora, 12 Baked Alaska (5th), 20 Gretel (6th). 7 ran. 1½l, 1½l, nk, 5l, ½l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £5.30; £2.10, £1.90. DF: £12.80. CSF: £17.63. After a stewards' inquiry, third and fourth places were reversed.

5.40 (1m 2f 18yd) 1, JAUNTY JACK (L Dettori, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Supply And Demand (K Fallon, 8-1); 3, Dream of Nurmi (K Darley, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav Aerleon Pete, 15-2 Fly To The Stars (4th), 8 Strathmore Clear (6th), 9 River's Source, 10 Isle Of Man, 12 Chief Monarch (5th), 25 Mr Paradise. 10 ran. 2½l, nk, hd, 5l, 6l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £2.50, £3.40. DF: £12.30. Trio: £81.60. CSF: £32.02. Tricast: £269.36.

Jackpot: £11,538.80.

Placepot: £81.80. Quadpot: £46.30.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good, good to firm in places

2.35 (5f) 1, BABY GRAND (Kimberley Hart, 100-30); 2, Always Lucky (P Fessey, 11-4); 3, Branston Berry (R Lappin, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Young Ibnr (4th). 4 ran. 1¾l, 3½l, 1½l. T Barron at Thirsk. Tote: £4.30. DF: £6.20. CSF: £11.49.

3.05 (5f) 1, WILLIAM'S WELL (Dale Gibson, 6-1); 2, Tinker's Surprise (T Williams, 8-1); 3, Gold Edge (J F Egan, 100-30 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Northern Sal (5th), 13-2 Bold Brief, 8 Ice Age, Star Of The Road (6th), 9 Corinchili, 10 Formidable Spirit, 12 Lunar Music (4th), 14 Alisadara, Five-O-Fifty, 16 Baptismal Rock. 13 ran. 2½l, hd, 1¾l, ½l, 3l. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Tote: £5.80; £2.60, £2.10, £3.80. DF: £30.90. Trio: £17.60. CSF: £59.61. Tricast: £184.27.

3.40 (1m 5f 175yd) 1, EPONINE (J F Egan, 1-2 fav); 2, Aunt Daphne (K Sked, 4-1); 3, Silver Button (R Ffrench, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Zanabay (4th), 16 Down Hearted (5th). 5 ran. NR: Tycoon Tina. 9l, 8l, ½l, nk. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £2.20. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.00.

4.10 (1m 3f 214yd) 1, COTTAGE PRINCE (J F Egan, 4-1); 2, Majal (J Bramhill, 11-2); 3, Course Fishing (L Newton, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4-5 fav Lapu-Lapu (5th), 6 Zamhareer (4th), 9 Ant (6th). 6 ran. 1½l, 2½l, 6l, 2½l, 17l. J Quinn at Malton. Tote: £7.90; £1.70, £2.70. DF: £23.50. CSF: £27.63.

4.45 (7f) 1, HIGH SPIRITS (D McGaffin, 7-4 fav); 2, Serape (J Gotobed, 10-1); 3, Captain Carparts (J Fowle, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Nipplaw (4th), 9 Hong Kong Express (5th), 10 Hever Golf Angel (6th), 14 Belbay Star, 33 Blazing Imp. 8 ran. 6l, hd, 5l, nk, 3l. T Easterby at Malton. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £2.90, £1.80. DF: £31.40. CSF: £21.99.

5.20 (5f 212yd) 1, NAPOLEON STAR (Dale Gibson, 5-1); 2, Skyers Flyer (T Williams, 9-1); 3, Brecongill Lad (J Bramhill, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Camionneur, 5 Just Dissident (5th), 11-2 Foist, 10 Millesime, 14 Madam Zando, Patrhaze, 16 Sondense (6th), Superbit (4th). 11 ran. NR: Tropical Beach. ½l, 1l, 1¾l, hd, hd. S Bowring at Mansfield. Tote: £7.60; £2.70, £2.60, £4.00. DF: £24.20. Trio: £70.70. CSF: £49.97. Tricast: £344.54.

Placepot: £179.80. Quadpot: £12.60.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.20 (7f) 1, Princess Efisio (G Duffield, 12-1); 2, Johnnie The Joker (8-1); 3, Bentico (10-1); 4, Zain Dancer (15-8 fav). 16 ran. 1¼l, 1½l. B McMahon. Tote: £17.50; £2.40, £3.40, £3.00, £1.10. DF: £320.00. Trio: £167.00. CSF: £119.50. Tricast: £1,006.80.

2.55 (2m) 1, Sedbergh (D Harrison, 11-10 fav); 2, Faugeron (12-1); 3, Cuban Nights (4-1). 8 ran. 6l, 1½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.50, £1.60. DF: £8.10. CSF: £15.30.

3.25 (1m) 1, Sparky (G Parkin, 15-2); 2, Muara Bay (7-2 fav); 3, Euroquest (14-1); 4, Madam Lucy (7-1). 16 ran. 4l, 1½l. M W Easterby. Tote: £9.20; £2.70, £1.90, £4.20, £1.30. DF: £53.70. Trio: not won (pool of £206.80 carried forward to 2.45 at Epsom today). CSF: £34.30. Tricast: £349.96.

3.55 (1m) 1, Molly Music (D Biggs, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Degree (16-1); 3, Phoenix Princess (4-1 jt-fav). Faym 4-1 jt-fav. 10 ran. 6l, 1¾l. G Margarson. Tote: £3.20; £1.80, £4.60, £1.20. DF: £27.40. Trio: £69.50. CSF: £68.06. Tricast: £258.61.

4.25 (6f) 1, Figawin (N Day, 11-4); 2, Katie's Cracker (7-1); 3, Gymcrak Mystery (11-1). Risky Whisky 11-8 fav. 10 ran. NR: Lasham. 1¾l, 1½l. G Lewis. Tote: £3.80; £1.60, £3.10, £4.20. DF: £39.90. Trio: £33.80. CSF: £24.82. Bought in 7,400gns.

4.55 (5f) 1, Goretski (D Harrison, 13-2); 2, Shadow Jury (13-2); 3, Sotonian (9-2 fav). 13 ran. 4l, sh hd. N Tinkler. Tote: £6.00; £1.70, £2.90, £2.10. DF: £27.90. Trio: £47.50. CSF: £46.42. Tricast: £201.57.

Placepot: £96.90. Quadpot: £20.90.

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Racing next week

Monday: **Nottingham** (first race, 2.30), **Pontefract** (2.45), **Warwick** (Sky, 6.15), **Windsor** (Sky, 6.30). Tuesday: **Redcar** (2.00), **Salisbury** (2.15). Wednesday: **Beverley** (2.00), **Hamilton Park** (Sky, 7.00), **Newmarket** (Sky, 6.40), **Salisbury** (2.20), **Yarmouth** (2.10), Uttoxeter (6.50). Thursday: **Carlisle** (2.20), **Goodwood** (2.10), **Newbury** (2.00). Friday: **Chepstow** (Sky, 6.40), **Goodwood** (Sky, 6.30), Market Rasen (mixed, 6.50), **Sandown Park** (2.15), **Southwell** (AW, 2.30), **York** (C4, 2.10). Saturday: **Bath** (2.00), **Leicester** (6.45), **Lingfield Park** (AW, 6.00), Market Rasen (2.15), **Sandown Park** (1.50), **York** (C4, 2.10).

Flat meetings in bold

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Epsom: 3.00 Trojan Risk. Newmarket: 6.40 Dashing Invader. 7.35 Bold Spring. Southwell: 8.15 Chief Gale. Wolverhampton: 7.30 Sea Dreams. 9.00 Step In To The Sun. Worcester: 2.55 Flash Chick. 3.25 Junction Twentytwo, The Yokel, Crown Ivory. 6.10 Ballina.

DONCASTER

THUNDERER
2.20 Ella Falls. 2.50 Keston Pond. 3.20 Yorkshire. 4.15 Ledgendry Line. 4.45 Furnish. 5.15 Almasi.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.20 VODAFONE DERBY DAY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,304: 6f) (21 runners)

1	56	ALPEN WOLF 26 W Muir 8-11	B Doyle 19
2	4	ESTOPPED 31 M Channon 8-11	J Fortune 15
3	4	FESTIVAL FLYER 35 R Boss 8-11	G Duffield 11
4	3	MOHAWK 14 J Dunlop 8-11	A Clark 3
5	05	PREMIUM PURSUIT 16 R Fahey 8-11	A Culhane 2
6		EDDIE ROMBO N Tinkler 8-8	Iona Wands (5) 16
7	0	HARNAGE 23 M Channon 8-8	R Perham 21
8	64	PETARA 20 J Wainwright 8-8	M Rimmer 6
9	40	SANDMOOR TARTAN 26 T Easterby 8-8	R Havlin (3) 14
10	06	TOP FLOOR 14 N Tinkler 8-8	Kim Tinkler 8
11		JASMINE TEA M Meade 8-6	F Norton 4
12	05	HEAVENLY FALLS 14 C Dwyer 8-5	N Varley 10
13	00	LATIN BAY 42 P Haris 8-5	N Connorton 17
14	0	LORD OF LOVE 9 T Easterby 8-5	T Williams 12
15		CATHERINES SONG C Dwyer 8-3	Jo Hunnam (7) 5
16	33	COUNTRY GARDEN 8 (BF) R Hannon 8-3	A Whelan (3) 9
17		DRY LIGHTNING M Bell 8-2	M Fenton 13
18	0	NO SHAME 21 J G Smyth-Osbourne 8-3	D O'Donohoe (3) 1
19		STARLINER M Brittain 8-3	G Bardwell 7
20	4	ELLA FALLS 11 T Barron 8-0	P Fessey (3) 20
21	406	SCENE 5 M Meade 8-0	R Brisland (7) 18

5-1 Mohawk, 6-1 Festival Flyer, 7-1 Ella Falls, 8-1 Country Garden, 9-1 Lord Of Love, 10-1 Dry Lightning, 12-1 others.

2.50 KONICA HANDICAP
(£4,143: 7f) (16)

1	-623	LOOK WHO'S CALLING 14 B McMahon 4-10-0	M Wigham 9
2	640-	TAWAFIJ 23J (CD,F,S) M Hammond 8-10-0	A Clark 1
3	00-0	CELANDINE 12 (F) A Turnell 4-9-8	A Daly (5) 15
4	355-	TICKNTIMA 322 M Hammond 3-9-7	G Duffield 10
5	0830	JO MAXIMUS 32 (D,F,G) J G Smyth-Osbourne 5-9-7	R Perham 13
6	1614	ALLINSON'S MATE 9 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) T Barron 9-9-6	Kimberley Hart (7) 12
7	0010	HALMANERROR 14 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 7-9-5	J Fortune 3
8	000-	PINE RIDGE LAD 229 (D,F,G) J Eyre 7-9-5	R Lappin 16
9	1310	GREY KINGDOM 16 (CD,F,G) M Brittain 6-9-4	G Bardwell 11
10	0000	KESTON POND 33 (D,F,G) Mrs V Aconley 7-9-4	M Deering 5
11	0044	SUEZ TORNADO 10 (V,G) E Alston 4-9-3	A Culhane 6
12	0060	AL REET 15 (G,S) S Bowring 6-8-13	S Webster 4
13	0652	LEGAL ISSUE 3 (CD,F,G,S) W Haigh 5-8-11	G Parkin (5) 8
14	0502	JEDI KNIGHT 7 M W Easterby 3-8-1	F Norton 14
15	00-0	HOTCAKE 12 Miss S Hall 4-7-10	N Carlisle 7
16	0010	ORIOLE 8 (D,F,G,S) E Incisa 4-7-10	Kim Tinkler 2

4-1 Allinson's Mate, 5-1 Halmanerror, 6-1 Legal Issue, Jedi Knight, 9-1 Grey Kingdom, 10-1 Keston Pond, 12-1 others.

3.20 WORTHINGTON CONDITIONS STAKES
(£5,302: 1m 2f 60yd) (6)

1	-553	BEQUEATH 10 (F,G) H Cecil 5-9-10	J Lowe 6
2	/14-	PODDINGTON 220 (F) R Akehurst 6-9-3	R Perham 5
3	1-50	POSEIDON 41 (G) M Channon 3-8-8	J Fortune 4
4	6-41	GARUDA 21 (D,S) J Dunlop 3-8-4	A Clark 2
5	1-0	YORKSHIRE 24 (S) P Cole 3-8-4	G Duffield 3
6	2-43	PREMIER BAY 21 (S) P Harris 3-8-1	B Doyle 1

7-4 Yorkshire, 3-1 Garuda, 4-1 Bequeath, 8-1 Poddington, 10-1 others

4.15 SASHA LYONS MEMORIAL HANDICAP
(£6,004: 1m 4f) (11)

1	060/	HAWKER HUNTER 120J (F) R Akehurst 6-10-0	G Duffield 1
2	-046	TRACEABILITY 14 (F,G,S) S Williams 4-10-0	D Griffiths (3) 3
3	0-32	LEDGENDRY LINE 14 Mrs M Reveley 4-9-9	A Culhane 10
4	30-0	MAWARED 12 J Dunlop 4-9-9	A Clark 5
5	2021	SUMMERHILL SPECIAL 8 (D,F,S) D Barker 6-9-4	T Williams 6
6	0006	CHARTER 10 W Storey 6-9-3	G Parkin (5) 7
7	0-20	BLENHEIM TERRACE 32 (G) C Booth 4-8-13	K Hodgson 9
8	1044	SUGA HAWK 68 (G) E Alston 5-8-11	J Fortune 11
9	11-0	SALSKA 14 (F,G) A Streeter 6-8-9	R Havlin (3) 8
10	3212	KINTAVI 12 (BF,F,S) T Donnelly 7-8-5	P Fessey (3) 4
11	0443	NORTHERN MOTTO 7 (D,G,S) J Goldie 4-8-3	N Varley 2

11-4 Ledgendry Line, 5-1 Kintavi, 13-2 Mawared, 7-1 Summerhill Special, 8-1 Traceability, Suga Hawk, Northern Motto, 10-1 others

4.45 ST JOHN AMBULANCE MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,590: 5f) (7)

1	-000	DONA FILIPA 9 Miss L Siddall 4-9-2	O Pears (3) 5
2	-006	FANCY CLANCY 7 Miss L Siddall 4-9-2	T Siddall (7) 2
3	0-2	FREDERICK JAMES 29 M Heaton-Ellis 3-9-0	G Duffield 3
4	6-	HARVEY'S FUTURE 190 T Clement 3-9-0	G Faulkner (5) 4
5		MISCHIEVOUS TIME A Smith 3-9-0	N Connorton 1
6	33-4	FURNISH 14 (BF) B Hills 3-8-9	J D Smith (3) 7
7	45-3	POLISH ROMANCE 15 (BF) M Stoute 3-8-9	A Clark 6

6-5 Polish Romance, 13-8 Furnish, 11-2 Frederick James, 25-1 Dona Filipa, Fancy Clancy, Harvey's Future, Mischievous Time

5.15 TATTENHAM CORNER FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,818: 6f) (9)

1	2033	LUNAR MIST 12 (D,F,G,S) M Meade 4-9-12	R Havlin (3) 7
2	1006	ANTONIAS MELODY 20 (D,G,S) S Bowring 4-9-11	S Webster 5
3	60-0	STEAL 'EM 94 (F) A Bailey 4-9-2	G Faulkner (5) 2
4	0-08	DATEY 22 (C,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-1	J Fortune 3
5	0030	STOLEN KISS 5 (B,F,S) M W Easterby 5-9-0	Iona Wands (5) 4
6	-002	ALMASI 15 (CD,BF,F,G) C Wall 5-8-13	G Duffield 6
7	30-0	FORMIDABLE LIZ 7 (D,F) M Hammond 7-8-9	Dale Gibson 8
8	0540	BOLLIN DOROTHY 29 (S) T Easterby 4-7-13	T Williams 1
9	0642	BALLARD LADY 16 (B,D,G,S) J Wainwright 5-7-10	J Bramhill (5) 9

7-2 Lunar Mist, 5-1 Ballard Lady, 11-2 Almasi, 13-2 Antonias Melody, Datey 8-1 Stolen Kiss, Bollin Dorothy, 10-1 others.

☐ **Ryafan, ridden by Frankie Dettori, heads a three-horse British challenge for the Prix de Diane Hermes (French Oaks) at Chantilly tomorrow. Gosden also runs Khassah (Richard Hills), while Peter Chapple-Hyam sends Dances With Dreams (John Reid).**

WORCESTER

THUNDERER
2.55 Cypress Avenue. 3.25 Gerry's Pride. 4.05 Winsford Hill. 4.35 Bellara. 5.10 Lay It Off. 5.40 Oi Mother. 6.10 Review Board.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.55 BRANSFORD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,273: 3m) (18 runners)

1	41-	MON AMIE 22 (G) A Hobbs 7-11-13	G Shenkin (7)
2	P14-	MR LOWRY 12 (G) L Barratt 5-11-8	S Wynne
3	1PB-	DIDDY RYMER 14 (S) Mrs S Smith 7-11-3	R Wilkinson (5)
4	/P3-	TIRLEY MISSILE 15 (D,F,S) J Smith 11-11-3	A P McCoy
5	413-	STEP IN LINE 10 (D) G McCourt 5-11-1	D Fortt (3)
6	304-	CYPRESS AVENUE 31 Mrs V Ward 5-10-8	N Williamson
7	/05-	KAIFOON 24 P Ritchens 8-10-5	S Fox
8	554-	POWDER MONKEY 16 T Needham 7-10-4	Mr J Tizzard (7)
9	42F-	LYPHARD'S FABLE 12 (BF) T George 6-10-3	R Johnson
10	P50-	MESP 134 (V) J O'Shea 6-10-2	L Wyer
11	P6P-	BACHE DINGLE 21 Mrs S Johnson 6-10-0	R Johnson
12	P50-	DANZANTE 36 (F) R Strange 5-10-0	J Culloty
13	/1F-	BEYOND THE STARS 9 (D,G) I Williams 6-10-0	B Powell
14	03P-	THE GREY TEXAN 12 R Rowe 8-10-0	D O'Sullivan
15	004-	TULLOW LADY 15 O Brennan 6-10-0	J R Kavanagh
16	005-	CALGARY GIRL 12 R Buckler 5-10-0	J McDermott (7)
17	/3P-	FLASH CHICK 12 (B) T Morton 8-10-0	C Llewellyn
18	050-	IMPERIAL HONORS 33 N Lampard 6-10-0	Mr L Baker (7)

4-1 Mon Amie, 5-1 Cypress Avenue, 6-1 Mr Lowry, 7-1 Step in Line, 8-1 Powder Monkey, Lyphard's Fable, 10-1 Diddy Rymer, 12-1 others.

3.25 REDHILL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,335: 2m 4f 110yd) (15)

1	223-	KIWI CRYSTAL 16 (F) A Hobbs 8-12-0	R Greene
2	560-	THERELDSOFATHENRY 100 (F,G) A Barrow 7-11-9	A Thornton
3	PP3-	ANOTHER HUBBLICK 17 R Baker 6-11-6	V Slattery
4	541-	CHAN THE MAN 12 (F) D Burchell 6-11-6	Guy Lewis (3)
5	546-	OLD ARCHIVES 194 (F) L Wells 8-11-6	M Richards
6	030-	PLINTH 33 (B,G) R Alner 6-11-3	N Williamson
7	22P-	THE YOKEL 7 (B) R Baugh 11-10-10	P Henley (3)
8	P3U-	GOLDEN DRUM 15 (B,S) T George 7-10-9	T J Murphy
9	525-	STRATTON FLYER 17 H Howe 7-10-5	B Powell
10	P43-	GERRY'S PRIDE 10 J Mullins 6-10-3	S Curran
11	P3P-	DERRYS PREROGATIVE 26 A Carroll 7-10-2	J Culloty
12	FP2-	JUNCTION TWENTYTWO 27P (B,F) D Wintle 7-10-0	W Marston
13	P50-	SOLDIER-B 33 R Curtis 7-10-0	D Morris
14	656-	CROWN IVORY 24 (V,F) P Ritchens 9-10-0	S Fox
15	542/	FAST FREEZE 412P (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Hawkins 11-10-0	R Johnson

7-2 Chan The Man, 4-1 Kiwi Crystal, 5-1 Plinth, 7-1 Gerry's Pride, 8-1 Golden Drum, Derrys Prerogative, 10-1 Stratton Flyer, 12-1 others

4.05 YVONNE GOTHARD 21ST BIRTHDAY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,198: 2m) (13)

1	354-	MUTAZZ 93 (D,F,G) W Hern 5-11-10	B Powell
2	511-	BLADE OF FORTUNE 17 (D,S) V Greenway 9-11-5	Mr J Tizzard (7)
3	606-	NO LIGHT 15 (D,F,G,S) Mrs I McKie 10-11-4	L Harvey
4	/65-	TISSISAT 96 (CD,G) J Kirby 8-11-3	G Upton
5	551-	WINSFORD HILL 36 (G) I Williams 6-11-3	A P McCoy
6	FF0-	VISION OF FREEDOM 35 (D,F,G) P Bowen 9-11-0	L Cummins (7)
7	5/2-	MAJOR'S LAW 12 (D,G,S) T Hind 8-10-12	P McLoughlin
8	443-	FRASER CAREY 12 (B,D,F) T George 5-10-11	M A Fitzgerald
9	50P-	ANDSOME BOY 7 C Barwell 4-10-5	B Fenton
10	323-	CLASSIC PAL 12 (CD,G) N Mitchell 6-10-5	C Llewellyn
11	/51-	TURRILL HOUSE 35 (G) W Musson 5-10-4	M Richards
12	516-	AJDAR 7 (D,BF,F,G) O Brennan 6-10-1	R Johnson
13	531-	TATHMIN 24 (V,G) M Bosley 4-10-0	X Aizpuru (5)

7-2 Turrill House, 5-1 Blade Of Fortune, 6-1 Winsford Hill, 7-1 Mutazz, 8-1 No Light, Fraser Carey, 10-1 Tissisat, 12-1 Major's Law, Classic Pal, 14-1 others

4.35 BERNIE LEAVER MEMORIAL CLASSIC MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,618: 2m 4f) (20)

1	PP-	ARCTIC CHARMER 15 Mrs S Odell 5-11-5	B Fenton
2	3PP-	DEBONAIR DUDE 26 N Henderson 7-11-5	M A Fitzgerald
3	/P2-	GRATOMI 28 P Ritchens 7-11-5	S Fox
4	00F-	JUST BECAUSE 12 G E Jones 5-11-5	P McLoughlin
5	0PP-	LATE ENCOUNTER 245 R Brown 6-11-5	W Marston
6	6-	LORD COOL 49 C Brooks 6-11-5	M Berry (7)
7	233-	MR POPPLETON 31 R Brotherton 8-11-5	L Harvey
8	032-	PROTOTYPE 70 (F) G Johnson Houghton 6-11-5	A Thornton
9	530-	SCALP 'EM 7 P Pritchard 9-11-5	Dr P Pritchard
10	530/	SCARLET RAMBLER 547 Miss H Knight 8-11-5	J Culloty
11	P0P-	TOMMY COOPER 29 (B) Mrs B Waring 6-11-5	E Byrne
12		BELLARA 24F N Babbage 5-11-0	L Wyer
13	FPP-	CLOUDY HOUSE 42 N Lampard 8-11-0	Mr L Baker (7)
14	002-	SPARKLING BUCK 17 N Ayliffe 5-11-0	Guy Lewis (3)
15	0P3-	TECHNICAL MOVE 17 G Ham 6-11-0	Sophie Mitchell (5)
16		TOM'S MRS-T O Carter 8-11-0	S Curran
17	P00-	DUNSTON KNIGHT 17 B Preece 4-10-13	V Slattery
18	F32-	SANTELLA CAPE 7 N Hawke 4-10-13	A P McCoy
19	323-	TIMIDJAR 17 (B,BF) D Gandolfo 4-10-13	D Fortt (3)
20	P-	DUNSTON QUEEN 17 B Preece 4-10-8	Gary Lyons

4-1 Prototype, 5-1 Timidjar, 6-1 Gratomi, 7-1 Santella Cape, 8-1 Debonair Dude, Lord Cool, Mr Poppleton, 10-1 Bellara, 12-1 others

5.10 HALLOW HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,228: 2m 7f 110yd) (14)

1	/21-	MARTELL BOY 15 (C,G) Miss V Williams 10-12-0	N Williamson
2	335-	MERRY PANTO 28 (F,G) C Brooks 8-11-10	M Berry (7)
3	3UP-	JIM VALENTINE 15 (F,S) D Wintle 11-11-9	W Marston
4	P0F-	DESERT RUN 10 (S) P Rodford 9-11-6	D Burrows (5)
5	322-	WHIPPERS DELIGHT 20 (G,S) G C-Jones 9-11-2	X Aizpuru (5)
6	335-	PAPER STAR 24 (F) M Muggeridge 10-11-1	B Powell
7	142-	GEMS LAD 15 (BF,G) Mrs S Smith 10-10-12	R Wilkinson (5)
8	235-	SCOTONI 36 (F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 11-10-11	M A Fitzgerald
9	1PU-	TRUST DEED 12 (B,D,F,G) S Knight 9-10-10	D Salter (5)
10	221-	LAY IT OFF 28 (CD,F,S) J G O'Neill 8-10-9	S Curran
11	03P-	VICAR OF BRAY 15 (CD,F,G) L Wells 10-10-8	M Richards
12	06P-	FATHER DOWLING 12 (V,G) G Balding 10-10-5	B Fenton
13	54P-	HIZAL 33 (F) H Manners 8-10-0	A Dowling (7)
14	P3F-	NAPOLEON'S GOLD 10 (V) A Foster 7-10-0	S McNeill

3-1 Lay It Off, 4-1 Martell Boy, 5-1 Gems Lad, 7-1 Whippers Delight, 8-1 Merry Panto, Jim Valentine, 10-1 Paper Star, Scotoni, 12-1 others

5.40 GRIMLEY STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £1,245: 2m) (17)

1		COLONEL HOOK J O'Shea 5-11-4	L Wyer
2		REMI DOONE P Bowen 5-11-4	N Williamson
3	0-	HEADING NORTH 332 D Carter 6-11-4	Miss V Roberts (7)
4	0-	JO'S WEDDING 28 B Millman 6-11-4	D Salter (5)
5	0/6-	REGAL BLUFF 24 J McConnochie 5-11-4	X Aizpuru (5)
6		TREAT ME BOLD P Bowen 5-11-4	L Cummins (7)
7		CHELWORTH WI J Spearing 5-10-13	J Culloty
8		HOME BY NOW T Hind 6-10-13	C Llewellyn
9	3-	KERRY'S OATS 17 P Hedger 5-10-13	M A Fitzgerald
10		MINERS GLOW R Alner 5-10-13	Mr J Tizzard (7)
11	42-	OI MOTHER 9 (BF) D Nicholson 5-10-13	R Massey (3)
12		THE POLECAT W Jenks 5-10-13	T Jenks
13	0-	KATY-BELLE 36 A Hobbs 5-10-13	R Greene
14		LADY OF GLENDOWAN Mrs B Waring 4-10-8	E Byrne
15		PINLEY TITANIA F Jordan 4-10-8	S Wynne
16	00-	CURTIS THE SECOND 66 C Barwell 4-10-8	B Fenton
17	600-	WHAT THE DEVIL 35 J Smith 4-10-8	W Worthington

5-4 Oi Mother, 5-1 Kerry's Oats, 6-1 Heading North, 7-1 Remi Doone, 8-1 Treat Me Bold, 10-1 Miners Glow, 12-1 The Polecat, 16-1 others

6.10 GRIMLEY STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £1,245: 2m) (17)

1	F/1-	SEA TARTH 21 (G) P Bowen 6-11-6	N Williamson
2	PP-	BOOZING GUNNER 13P H Manners 6-11-4	A Dowling (7)
3		CASSRICK J Smith 6-11-4	W Marston
4	600-	BALLINA 25 (V) J O'Shea 5-11-4	B Fenton
5	PF0-	DESERT MELODY R Rowe 5-11-4	D O'Sullivan
6		GUNNARISKIT D McCain 5-11-4	A Egan (7)
7		SANCHOLLING W Jenks 5-11-4	R Bellamy
8		TEMPERED STEEL D Gandolfo 6-11-4	C Llewellyn
9		REVIEW BOARD N Henderson 5-11-4	M A Fitzgerald
10	00-	SALIX 70 N Hawke 5-11-4	G Upton
11		ALL FOR THE CRACK P Channings 4-10-13	T Jenks
12	3-	AMOTHEBAMBO 25 A Hobbs 4-10-13	G Shenkin (7)
13	4-	QUABMATIC 66 K Bishop 4-10-13	R Massey (3)
14		TINA'S ADVENTURE I Brown 5-10-13	Mr A Brown
15		NEL'S AWAY T Forster 5-10-13	S Wynne
16		FULLOFANCY R Buckler 4-10-8	Sophie Mitchell (5)
17		ACCORDING TO JESS A Hobbs 4-10-8	D Burrows (5)

3-1 Review Board, 7-2 Nel's Away, 5-1 Sea Tarth, 6-1 Tempered Steel, 8-1 Amothebambo, Quabmatic, 12-1 Sancholling, 16-1 others.

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER
2.10 Crystal Gold. 2.40 Happy Days. 3.15 Sandmoor Chambray. 4.10 Decorated Hero. 4.40 Van Chino. 5.10 Castle Courageous.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 DOUGLAS RATED HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £6,231: 1m 2f 120yd) (8 runners)

1	(6)	30-6	BERYLLIUM 34 (G) R Hannon 9-3	Dane O'Neill	98
2	(3)	0600	FOOT BATTALION 23 (G) R Hollinshead 8-13	F Lynch	93
3	(5)	-221	CRYSTAL GOLD 27 (G) M Stoute 8-13	D Holland	90
4	(7)	1112	JACK THE LAD 14 (BF,F,G,S) J Hetherton 8-9	S Whitworth	94
5	(4)	-422	EPWORTH 20 J Glover 8-8	N Day	94
6	(2)	3-22	SELLETTE 27 D Haydn Jones 8-6	S Drowne	97
7	(1)	3336	SHADOOF 12 W Muir 8-3	T Sprake	●
8	(8)	-223	NIGHT MIRAGE 19 M Johnston 8-2	J Fanning	97

3-1 Crystal Gold, 4-1 Epworth, Night Mirage, 5-1 Jack The Lad, Sellette, 10-1 Beryllium, Shadoof, 14-1 Foot Battalion.

2.40 EBF HOLSTEN PILS MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,420: 5f) (6)

1	(3)		CLASSIC SILVER W Haigh 9-0	S Whitworth	—
2	(5)	242	HAPPY DAYS 23 D Moffatt 9-0	Darren Moffatt (3)	●
3	(4)	4	REJECTED 65 (BF) R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	93
4	(2)		SHAMWARI SONG J Glover 9-0	N Day	—
5	(1)		ARCTIC AIR E Weymes 8-9	L Charnock	—
6	(6)	233	SHARP CRACKER 11 (BF) M Johnston 8-9	J Weaver	94

6-4 Sharp Cracker, 7-4 Rejected, 6-1 Happy Days, 8-1 Shamwari Song, 12-1 Arctic Air, 25-1 Classic Silver

3.15 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (£7,035: 1m 30yd) (13)

1	(7)	5-00	MOVING ARROW 12 (CD,F,G) Miss S Hall 6-9-11	Dane O'Neill	90
2	(11)	0004	HIGHBORN 14 (D,F,G) P Felgate 8-9-8	G Hind	92
3	(13)	4-00	GRAND MUSICA 49 (G) I Balding 4-9-7	S Whitworth	95
4	(5)	1-03	POMONA 20 (D,BF,G) P Makin 4-9-0	D Holland	94
5	(3)	3000	BAND ON THE RUN 10 (C,D,F,G,S) B McMahon 10-9-0	L Newton	98
6	(2)	-300	IRISH ACCORD 23 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-13	F Lynch	93
7	(9)	2-40	SANDMOOR CHAMBRAY 35 (F,G) T Easterby 6-8-12	J Carroll	●
8	(8)	-000	Q FACTOR 12 (C,D,F,S) D Haydn Jones 5-8-7	S Drowne	96
9	(12)	4425	MASTER BEVELED 8 (B,CD,F,G,S) P Evans 7-8-7	J F Egan	97
10	(10)	00-4	BOLLIN FRANK 10 (CD,F,S) T Easterby 5-8-1	L Charnock	93
11	(6)	4246	GULF SHAADI 7 (D,BF,F,G) E Alston 5-7-13	J Fowle (7)	95
12	(1)	2060	IMPULSIVE AIR 8 (C,D,F,G) E Weymes 5-7-11	Dale Gibson	98
13	(4)	-130	NIGHT CHORUS 15 (D,G) B Rothwell 3-7-10	P Doe (7)	91

5-1 Highborn, 13-2 Moving Arrow, 8-1 Pomona, 10-1 Irish Accord, Sandmoor Chambray 10-1 Master Beveled, Bollin Frank 12-1 others.

4.10 JOHN OF GAUNT STAKES
(Listed race: £12,965: 7f 30yd) (6)

1	(6)	25-3	LUCAYAN PRINCE 14 (B,D,BF,F) D Loder 4-9-5	D R McCabe	97
2	(4)	22-6	DECORATED HERO 22 (D,F,G,S) J Gosden 5-9-3	G Hind	●
3	(2)	12-	AZIZZI 371 (D,F) C Egerton 5-8-12	Dane O'Neill	89
4	(1)	2430	CARRANITA 23 (D,F,G,S) B Palling 7-8-12	T Sprake	98
5	(3)	35-4	MY BRANCH 56 (D,BF,F,G) B Hills 4-8-12	D Holland	95
6	(5)	-504	EL OPERA 7 (D,F) P Cole 4-8-7	J Carroll	91

2-1 Lucayan Prince, 5-2 My Branch, 4-1 Decorated Hero, 7-1 El Opera, 8-1 Carranita 12-1 Azizzi

4.40 HORSEPOWER BY SCANIA MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,648: 1m 30yd) (6)

1	(5)	23-0	ANOTHER NIGHT 7 R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	91
2	(1)	23-0	INDIAN BRAVE 21 M Johnston 9-0	J Weaver	●
3	(2)	4	TOPTON 20 I Balding 9-0	S Whitworth	89
4	(3)	0-4	VAN CHINO 35 B McMahon 9-0	L Newton	76
5	(4)	0-0	ZAGROS 59 T Easterby 9-0	J Carroll	—
6	(6)	54	KAZIRANGA 36 L Cumani 8-9	G Hind	91

5-2 Kaziranga, 7-2 Indian Brave, Topton, 9-2 Another Night, 6-1 Van Chino, 12-1 Zagros

5.10 PENNY LANE HANDICAP (£5,375: 1m 6f) (6)

1	(5)	1/50	GENERAL ASSEMBLY 17 (BF,S) H Cecil 5-10-0	J Carroll	96
2	(1)	/044	CASTLE COURAGEOUS 14 (D,F,G,S) Lady Herries 10-9-2	P Doe (7)	93
3	(6)	/6-0	NANTON POINT 50 (D,F,G) Lady Herries 5-8-13	T Sprake	90
4	(2)	0-23	SAMUEL SCOTT 20 (BF) M Pipe 4-8-10	Dane O'Neill	95
5	(3)	1124	SEA FREEDOM 14 (V,D,BF,G,S) G Balding 6-8-4	S Drowne	●
6	(4)	5460	DANCING CAVALIER 14 (D,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-8-0	F Lynch	98

11-4 Sea Freedom, 7-2 General Assembly, Samuel Scott, 11-2 Castle Courageous, 6-1 Nanton Point, Dancing Cavalier

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
6.50 Mister Goodguy. 7.15 Mythical Approach. 7.45 Robert's Toy. 8.15 Sky Burst. 8.45 Spring Loaded. 9.15 Noble Lord.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

6.50 ROBERT SINGLETON & KEVIN RICHARDSON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

SKY

(£2,999: 3m 110yd) (10 runners)

1	P11-	MISTER GOODGUY 12 (D,F,S) R Curtis 8-12-0	D Morris
2	2F3-	POLISH RIDER 12 (F) B Llewellyn 9-11-9	Mr J L Llewellyn
3	045-	SHOOFE 88 K Morgan 9-11-4	R Johnson
4	P35-	MEL 12 R Buckler 7-11-1	B Powell
5	2F5-	DUNLIR 16 (F) P Rodford 7-11-1	M Sharratt
6	533-	PROFESSOR PAGE 12 T Thomson Jones 7-11-0	A Thornton
7	042-	MOVIE MAN 12 J Turner 5-10-13	T Reed
8	350-	TACTIX 11 Miss M Milligan 7-10-9	C McCormack (7)
9	0F4-	ROLLED GOLD 33 Miss V Williams 8-10-8	T J Murphy
10	22F-	LUCKY OLE SON 6P (D,F,G,S) D Brace 10-10-6	L Harvey

2-1 Mister Goodguy, 7-2 Movie Man, 9-2 Professor Page 6-1 Tactix, 7-1 Polish Rider, 8-1 Mel, Lucky Ole Son, 12-1 others

7.15 RGR REFRIGERATION NOVICES CHASE (£3,583: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

SKY

1	531-	MYTHICAL APPROACH 22 (D,G) D Nicholson 7-11-6	R Johnson
2	06U-	CHARLVIC 11 W Cunningham 7-11-0	T Reed
3	30P-	ORDOG MOR 82 (C,F,G) M Meagher 8-11-0	A P McCoy
4	323-	TELMAR SYSTEMS 24 (F,G) J White 8-11-0	J R Kavanagh

1-2 Mythical Approach, 9-2 Telmar Systems 5-1 Ordog Mor, 12-1 Charlvic

7.45 DERRY BUILDING SERVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,842: 2m) (6)

SKY

1	6F1-	ROBERT'S TOY 17 (B,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-12-0	A P McCoy
2	33P-	MAN MOOD 135 (G,S) C Brooks 6-11-10	M Berry (7)
3	21U-	NOBLELY 267 (CD,F,G,S) R Alner 10-11-7	A Thornton
4	3/4-	COME ON DANCER 12 (F) J White 9-10-0	J R Kavanagh
5	412-	SIGMA RUN 12 (D,F,G) J O'Shea 8-10-0	R Johnson
6	452-	VERDE LUNA 28 (F) D Arbuthnot 5-10-0	S McNeill

11-8 Robert's Toy, 7-2 Noblely 11-2 Man Mood, Sigma Run, 8-1 Verde Luna 14-1 Come On Dancer

8.15 FRENCH & GOSTELOW MERLIN MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,110: 2m) (8)

SKY

1	342-	BEAU MATELOT 11 Miss M Milligan 5-11-5	L Wyer
2	36P-	CHIEF GALE 33 (V) J O'Shea 5-11-5	A P McCoy
3	6P5-	FANCYTALKINTINKER 12 J Dalton 7-11-5	A Thornton
4	233-	SILVERDALE LAD 7 K Hogg 6-11-5	M Foster
5	050/	BETTER WIND 745 C J Price 8-11-0	T J Murphy
6		PUNKAH 38F G McCourt 4-11-0	D Fortt (3)
7	2/5-	SKY BURST 49 Miss V Williams 7-11-0	R Johnson
8		GOLDEN FAWN 29F N Babbage 4-10-9	V Slattery

5-2 Silverdale Lad, 3-1 Beau Matelot, 4-1 Punkah, 7-1 Chief Gale, 8-1 Sky Burst, 10-1 Better Wind, Sky Burst, Golden Fawn, 25-1 Fancytalkintinker

8.45 SQUIRES PLANT HIRE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,881: 2m) (11)

SKY

1	F23-	FURIETTO 134 (BF,F) M Hammond 7-12-0	R Garritty
2	102-	EUROLINK THE REBEL 12 (D,F,G) S Clark 5-11-10	Miss R Clark (7)
3	46U-	NEVER SO BLUE 12 (B,D,F) P Bradley 6-11-2	R Johnson
4	024-	IRIE MON 7 (F) M Betts 5-11-2	R Dunwoody
5	651-	LUCY TUFTY 7 (F,G) J Pearce 6-11-1	A P McCoy
6	05F-	SPRING LOADED 110 (D,F) J O'Shea 6-10-10	M A Fitzgerald
7	060-	PETRICO 42 P Beaumont 5-10-0	B Grattan (5)
8	566-	FRET 12 (CD,G,S) J Wainwright 7-10-0	M Foster
9	P06-	FRIAR'S OAK 8 P Butler 5-10-0	T J Murphy
10	60P-	TEDDY EDWARD 28 Mrs A Naughton 7-10-0	Mr T J Barry (7)
11	/60-	FRANS LAD 8F B Baugh 5-10-0	Gary Lyons

2-1 Eurolink The Rebel, 7-2 Furietto, 4-1 Lucy Tufty, 6-1 Irie Mon, 7-1 Never So Blue, 8-1 Spring Loaded, 16-1 Fret 20-1 others

9.15 DESERT HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,821: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1	402-	NOBLE LORD 12 (F,G) R Buckler 4-11-13	B Powell
2	3P2-	WALKING TALL 42 (B,CD,F,G) T McGovern 6-11-6	A P McCoy
3	033-	NOCATCHIM 266 (CD,F,G,S) K Morgan 8-11-2	R Johnson
4	411-	HELLO ME MAN 17 (D,G,S) B Llewellyn 9-10-7	Mr J L Llewellyn
5	200-	LAYHAM LOW 33 (F) O Sherwood 6-10-0	M Richards

2-1 Hello Me Man 5-2 Noble Lord 7-2 Walking Tall 6-1 Nocatchim. 12-1 Layham Low

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER
6.40 Non Vintage. 7.05 Petite Danseuse. 7.35 Rainbow Rain. 8.05 King Of Tunes. 8.35 Tadwiga. 9.05 La Curamalal.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

6.40 NEWMARKET LADIES DERBY HANDICAP (Amateurs: £4,598: 1m 4f) (27 runners)

SKY

1	2-12	HEATHYARDS ROCK 8 (D,G) R McKellar 5-11-11	C Williams (5) 24
2	0080	CHRIS'S LAD 11 (B,F,G,S) B Meehan 6-11-7	Jane Allison 16
3	5065	REHAAB 5 (F) D Morris 4-11-3	E J Jones (5) 10
4	00-0	ALISURA 29 D Thom 4-11-3	D McHale (5) 18
5	5-04	KERNOF 15 (F) M Hammond 4-10-11	A J Smith (5) 13
6	0561	BELLAS GATE BOY 7 (F) J Pearce 5-10-10	L Pearce 8
7	15-0	CONTRACT BRIDGE 12 (G,S) P Murphy 4-10-10	L Green (5) 11
8	1040	STONECUTTER 29J (V,G) W Muir 4-10-9	S Debunette (5) 12
9	0-00	SLAPY DAM 34 (D,BF,G,S) C Smith 5-10-6	D Smith (5) 22
10	0040	OPEN AFFAIR 9 H Akbary 4-10-8	I Foustok (5) 3
11	0461	DURGAMS FIRST 9 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-7	D Jones 7
12	3421	DON'T DROP BOMBS 86 (D,F,G) D Thom 8-10-7	J Feilden 20
13	000-	NON VINTAGE 87J (F,G) M Chapman 6-10-4	F Needham 2
14	0545	OUR EDDIE 8J (V,G) K Wingrove 8-10-3	S Owen (5) 4
15	-600	NORSONG 14 (F) R Akehurst 5-10-1	K Hills (5) 19
16	0000	COHIBA 26 B Curley 4-10-0	A Stringer (5) 27
17	004-	STRAT'S LEGACY 178 (D,F,G) D Arbuthnot 10-10-0	D Arbuthnot 9
18	000-	UZBUM 8J J Fox 5-9-13	S Durman (5) 26
19	0060	ONE IN THE EYE 5 J Poulton 4-9-13	C Poulton (5) 25
20	-050	DASHING INVADER 12 (B) P Harris 4-9-12	A Elsey 5
21	0-00	MEGA TID 33J (G) J Poulton 5-9-6	J Worrall (5) 14
22	0/0-	HANCOCK 33J J Hetherton 5-9-5	P Robson 21
23	0/0-	PREMIER STAR 8J K Wingrove 7-9-5	H Noonan (5) 15
24	000	GRACIOUS IMP 21 J Jenkins 4-9-3	C Townsley (5) 17
25	0603	MAY KING MAYHEM 12 Mrs A King 4-9-2	T Spearing (5) 6
26	5044	ACERBUS DULCIS 2 M Chapman 6-9-1	E Folkes (5) 1
27	340/	MICK'S TYCOON 5833 T Watson 9-9-0	C Watson (5) 23

5-1 Bellas Gate Boy, 13-2 Durgams First 8-1 Heathyards Rock, 10-1 Don't Drop Bombs, 12-1 Chris's Lad, Kernof, Gracious Imp, May King Mayhem, 16-1 others.

7.05 WALTER EARL SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,888: 1m) (13)

SKY

1	0-	DIJON 318 Bob Jones 8-11	N Day 7
2	5011	JANGLYNYVE 11 (D,F,G) S Woods 8-11	L Dettori 4
3	0-	RADAR O'REILLY 421 R Williams 8-11	R Cochrane 1
4	40-0	SANDWELD 7 C Dwyer 8-11	R Hughes 8
5	04	WHEILDON 11 S Williams 8-11	K Rutter 9
6		FLY HIGH D Morris 8-6	P Bloomfield 10
7	8005	MISS BARCELONA 4 M Polglase 8-6	S Sanders 2
8	00-3	PETITE DANSEUSE 149 (F,G) C Dwyer 8-6	J Stack 3
9	-000	RUMBUSTIOUS 15 (BF,F) R Hannon 8-6	Pat Eddery 5
10	0-50	SANG D'ANTIBES 36 D Cosgrove 8-6	J Quinn 12
11	320-	SMALL RISK 406 T Clement 8-6	C Webb (7) 13
12	5	SUN FAIRY 12 J Glover 8-6	T Pengkerego (7) 11
13	0-0	WINTERED OUT 17 G L Moore 8-6	Candy Morris 6

9-4 Petite Danseuse, 4-1 Janglynyve, 11-2 Rumbustious, 10-1 Wheildon, Sang D'Antibes, 12-1 Wintered Out 14-1 Miss Barcelona, 16-1 others.

7.35 NGK SPARK PLUGS HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,620: 6f) (11)

SKY

1	0-10	ROSY OUTLOOK 34 (D,F) I Balding 9-7	L Dettori 7
2	2-06	RAINBOW RAIN 27 M Johnston 9-3	M Roberts 11
3	4206	LA DOLCE VITA 15 (G) T Barron 8-12	K Darley 5
4	-100	THREE FOR A POUND 10 (D,G) J Glover 8-9	G Carter 2
5	0036	SILVER PURSE 12 (D,F) A Jones 8-9	R Price 1
6	-556	BOLD SPRING 8 (B,BF) R Hannon 8-8	Pat Eddery 9
7	0050	IVORY DAWN 14 K Ivory 8-7	Martin Dwyer (3) 8
8	5000	HYPE SUPERIOR 4 A Bailey 8-6	Paul Eddery 3
9	1243	SHALSTAYHOLY 7 (V,G) G L Moore 8-2	J Quinn 6
10	2000	GRESATRE 27 (D,BF,G) C Dwyer 8-0	N Varley 10
11	600-	M T VESSEL 315 J Jenkins 7-11	G Bardwell 4

5-2 Shalstayholy, 5-1 Rosy Outlook 7-1 Bold Spring, Ivory Dawn, 8-1 La Dolce Vita, Silver Purse 10-1 Rainbow Rain Three For A Pound 12-1 others

8.05 BAILEYS IRISH CREAM LIQUEUR HANDICAP (£6,004: 1m) (13)

SKY

1	1-34	SAIFAN 22 (B,CD,F,G) D Morris 8-10-0	N Day 2
2	0403	IAMUS 12 (D,F) T Barron 4-9-8	L Dettori 1
3	10-0	BLURRED 36 (G) M Tompkins 4-9-6	M Henry (3) 12
4	00-0	ADMIRALS FLAME 38 (D,F,S) C Wall 6-9-3	S Sanders 4
5	2-36	KING OF TUNES 18 (D,G,S) J Sheehan 5-9-3	R Cochrane 8
6	-303	ALPINE HIDEAWAY 7 (F) B Hanbury 4-9-2	J Stack 3
7	2-14	GREEN JEWEL 18 (G) R Hannon 3-9-2	Dane O'Neill 6
8	-052	WHITTLE ROCK 15 (C,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-1	A Culhane 10
9	00-3	LAY THE BLAME 10 (F,S) M Hammond 4-8-13	R Hughes 11
10	4525	WILD SKY 21 (BF) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-5	A Clark 9
11	14-0	LADY GODIVA 79 (D,G) M Polglase 3-7-13	Martin Dwyer (3) 5
12	2015	PURCHASING POWER 12 (D,BF,G,S) N Callaghan 3-7-13	J Quinn 7
13	664/	HOPEFUL BID 1094 (F,G) P Howling 8-7-12	N Carlisle 13

4-1 Green Jewel, 11-2 Saifan Purchasing Power, 8-1 Iamus, King Of Tunes, Alpine Hideaway, Wild Sky, 12-1 others

8.35 FRANK BUTTERS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,913: 6f) (7)

1		AUNT SADIE R Charlton 8-11	Pat Eddery 2
2	32	HIGH GAIN 19 P Howling 8-11	Paul Eddery 4
3		LIKELY STORY J Dunlop 8-11	K Darley 1
4		MIGRATE J Gosden 8-11	L Dettori 7
5		SOLO SPIRIT J Jenkins 8-11	G Bardwell 3
6		STAYINGALIVE P Cole 8-11	T Quinn 6
7	3	TADWIGA 21 R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill 5

9-4 Migrate Tadwiga, 7-2 Stayingalive 9-1 Aunt Sadie Likely Story, 10-1 High Gain, 25-1 Solo Spirit

9.05 CECIL BOYD ROCHFORT MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,021: 1m 2f) (8)

1		ALPINA J Gosden 8-11	L Dettori 5
2	-033	CITY GAMBLER 14 G Bravery 8-11	M Rimmer 3
3		GALLANT HEIGHTS G Bravery 8-11	N Day 8
4	5-6	GRACEFUL LASS 11 D Loder 8-11	K Darley 1
5	03	KEYBOOGIE 17 R Charlton 8-11	Pat Eddery 4
6	0-6	LA CURAMALAL 43 G Wragg 8-11	M Hills 7
7	0	RUFALDA 13 L Cumani 8-11	D Young (7) 6
8		SHELTEEZ M Bell 8-11	G Faulkner (5) 2

10-11 Keyboogie, 9-2 Graceful Lass, 6-1 Alpina, 8-1 La Curamalal, 12-1 City Gambler, 14-1 Rufalda 25-1 Gallant Heights, Shelteez

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THUNDERER
7.00 Warrlin. 7.30 Ashgore. 8.00 Icy Guest. 8.30 Dalliance. 9.00 Edna's Gift. 9.30 Hoh Majestic.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

7.00 GIRTH HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,277: 1m 6f 166yd) (10 runners)

1	0504	MOORBIRD 10 (V) J L Harris 9-7	B Doyle 9
2	0-00	PROPELLANT 18 C Thornton 9-6	J Fanning 3
3	5320	WOODLAND NYMPH 30 D Murray Smith 9-1	J F Egan 1
4	0450	WARRLIN 30 C Fairhurst 9-0	L Charnock 8
5	0432	ALAGNA 11 (BF) S C Williams 8-12	S Drowne 2
6	-344	HOH DOWN 134 (B) R Juckes 8-11	M Fenton 4
7	0000	KUSTOM KIT XPRES 21 S Bowring 8-10	D Sweeney (5) 10
8	4315	SAM PEEB 18 (G) R Fahey 8-10	R Winston (7) 7
9	0-00	SIPOWITZ 34 C Cyzer 8-9	A Whelan (3) 6
10	00-6	BELLA DANIELLA 22 T Clement 7-10	R Mullen (5) 5

5-2 Alagna, 5-1 Moorbird, Sam Peeb, 8-1 Woodland Nymph, Hoh Down, 12-1 Propellant, 16-1 Warrlin, Bella Daniella, 20-1 others

7.30 SADDLE CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,277: 7f) (10)

1	010-	THORDIS 169 (V,D,F,G) P Makin 4-9-11	D Holland 1
2	4033	BENTICO 1 (V,CD,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 8-9-7	B Doyle 8
3	0100	JIGSAW BOY 1 (CD,F,G,S) P Murphy 8-9-5	S Drowne 4
4	5200	LOCH STYLE 42 (C,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-3	F Lynch 10
5	1106	SENSE OF PRIORITY 73 (CD,F,G) D Nicholls 8-9-3	Alex Greaves 3
6	00-0	ASHGORE 145 (CD,F,G) J Eyre 7-8-13	D Wright 7
7	-000	PEOPLE DIRECT 26 (C,D,G) K McAuliffe 4-8-12	J Fanning 9
8	1/50	SEA DREAMS 19 (B,S) D Hyde 6-8-11	R Havlin (3) 5
9	0000	JILLY BEVELED 19 (C,G) Ron Thompson 5-8-6	N Connorton 6
10	4105	ADVANCE REPRO 30 (B,C,F,G) J Akehurst 3-7-12	L Charnock 2

2-1 Sense Of Priority, 6-1 Bentico, 7-1 Jigsaw Boy, Advance Repro, 8-1 Ashgore, 10-1 Thordis, People Direct, 12-1 others

8.00 SURCINGLE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,837: 7f) (12)

1	00	KRABLOONIK 14 M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield 4
2	634	NIGHT EXPRESS 15 B Hanbury 9-0	B Doyle 8
3	6	PHARLY STAR 20 D Shaw 9-0	J Fanning 2
4		SNOW KID D Loder 9-0	D R McCabe 9
5	0-6	SWING WEST 14 P Cole 9-0	C Rutter 11
6		ZABRISKIE M Stoute 9-0	D Holland 12
7	0	AURORA BAY 14 M Bell 8-9	M Fenton 5
8	0	BLUE CHEESE 29 Mrs N Macauley 8-9	S Drowne 6
9	0	BUSTINGOUTALLOVER 110 C Thornton 8-9	L Charnock 3
10	6-2	ICY GUEST 20 P Makin 8-9	J Carroll 10
11	3	PERSEVERE 27 Lord Huntingdon 8-9	Aimee Cook (5) 7
12	0	VERASICA 46 R Hollinshead 8-9	F Lynch 1

7-2 Snow Kid, 9-2 Zabriskie, 7-1 Icy Guest, 8-1 Krabloonik, Swing West, 9-1 Aurora Bay, Persevere, 12-1 others

8.30 THOROUGHBRED HANDICAP
(£5,447: 1m 1f 79yd) (7)

1	35-0	CENSOR 35 (F) D Nicholls 4-9-10	Alex Greaves 7
2	5653	RAMBO WALTZER 8 (C,F,G,S) D Nicholls 5-9-4	Iona Wands (5) 3
3	051	DALLIANCE 14 (CD,G) M Stoute 3-8-13	D Holland 2
4	0501	ANONYM 8 (B,C,F,G) J Eyre 5-8-8	R Mullen (5) 6
5	0405	HEATHYARDS LADY 26 (C,F,G) R Hollinshead 6-8-0	P Fessey (3) 1
6	1404	CASTLES BURNING 24 (G) C Cyzer 3-8-0	L Charnock 4
7	-606	ALSAHIB 20 W Musson 4-8-0	T Sprake 5

5-2 Dalliance, 4-1 Rambo Waltzer 9-2 Anonym, 5-1 Castles Burning, 10-1 Heathyards Lady, 12-1 others

9.00 MARTINGALE FILLIES SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £1,985: 6f) (10)

1	1	EDNA'S GIFT 5 (D,F) J Berry 9-0	P Fessey (3) 8
2	604	GIFTED BAIRN 19 D Nicholls 8-9	Alex Greaves 3
3	6232	JACK-N-JILLY 14 J S Moore 8-9	P P Murphy (3) 5
4	03	KARENARAGON 19 Ron Thompson 8-9	N Connorton 4
5	42	MEDINA MISS 19 W G M Turner 8-9	D McGaffin (7) 10
6	0	MICHELEE 5 P Evans 8-9	J F Egan 7
7	0R	MISS EQUAL 12 M Pipe 8-9	T Sprake 1
8		ROMANTIC SECRET R Juckes 8-9	M Fenton 9
9	40	STEP IN TO THE SUN 5 (B) R Fahey 8-9	J Carroll 2
10	003	SYLVAN CLOUD 14 C Fairhurst 8-9	L Charnock 6

6-4 Edna's Gift, 4-1 Gifted Bairn, 6-1 Medina Miss, 7-1 Jack-N-Jilly, 12-1 Karenaragon, 14-1 Miss Equal, Sylvan Cloud, 16-1 others

9.30 BRIDLE APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£1,985: 6f) (7)

1	0-00	ITSINTHEPOST 19 (CD,G) V Soane 4-10-0	Iona Wands (3) 3
2	5006	HOH MAJESTIC 19 (V,D,F,G) Ron Thompson 4-9-7	G Milligan (3) 6
3	-002	FINE TIMES 10 (V) C Fairhurst 3-9-3	T Siddall (5) 4
4	0446	NORLING 3 (D,F,G) K Cunningham-Brown 7-8-10	R French 5
5	00-0	MARINO STREET 5 (V,G) P Evans 4-8-9	A McCarthy (5) 2
6	0403	RIVER ENSIGN 14 W M Brisbourne 4-8-3	R Mullen 7
7	00-0	OPENING RANGE 14 N Berry 6-8-0	A Daly 1

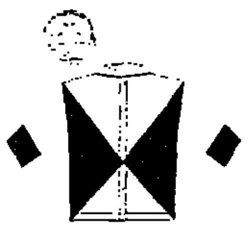
5-4 Fine Times, 4-1 River Ensign, 13-2 Hoh Majestic, Norling, 8-1 Itsinthepost, 14-1 Marino Street, Opening Range.

FOLLOW YOUR DERBY FANCY

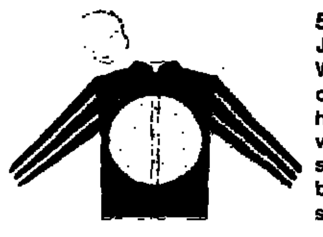
1. BENNY THE DIP
Jockey: Willie Ryan
Case rests on victory in Dante Stakes at York, usually a sound Derby trial. Accomplished front-running ride unsettled rivals that day, though, and may struggle to employ those tactics as effectively here. Also not certain to stay trip.

2. BOLD DEMAND
Jockey: Frankie Dettori
Represents the Godolphin operation, dominant last year but in patchy form this term. Won same Sandown maiden as Shantou, last year's third, but must improve significantly to give trainer a second Derby in three years.

3. CLOUDINGS
Jockey: Olivier Peslier
Master craftsman Fabre, having saddled his first French Derby winner last Sunday, attempts a famous double. Not since Empery in 1976 has a French runner won the Derby and improvement on two wins this year required to end that drought.



4. CRYSTAL HEARTED
Jockey: Tony McGlone
Emphatic Chester victory over ten furlongs last time suggests he will not be found wanting for stamina but has to improve significantly to get involved in the finish. Quoted among the outsiders and difficult to argue with that assessment.



5. ENTREPRENEUR
Jockey: Michael Kinane
Winner of 2,000 Guineas seeks classic double. Hot favourite and, if he stays the extra half-mile, will be very difficult to overcome. Stoute seeks third Derby win, Kinane, big-race jockey par excellence, a second.

6. FAHRIS
Jockey: Richard Hills
Recovered from recent sinus operation to take his place today. Some respectable form to his name and has pleased trainer Ben Hanbury, saddling his first Derby runner, in his preparation. Lively each-way chance.

7. MUSALSAL
Jockey: Michael Hills
Third to Benny The Dip at York and has three lengths to make up on that rival alone. Not certain to be suited by todays longer trip but has been preferred by Hills, who rode last years winner, Shaamit, to stable-companion The Fly.

RUNNERS AND RIDERS

3.45 VODAFONE DERBY STAKES C4

(Group I: 3-Y-O: £595,25[illegible]: 1m 4f 10yd) (14 runners)

1	(8)	113-21	**BENNY THE DIP 24 (G)** (L Knight) J G[illegible] (b c Silver Hawk - Rascal Rascal)	W R[illegible]	[illegible]
2	(2)	4-21	**BOLD DEMAND 11 (F)** (Godolphin) S bin [illegible] (b c Rainbow Quest - Dafrah)	[illegible]	[illegible]
3	(14)	41-11	**CLOUDINGS 27 (F,S)** (Sheikh Mohammed) [illegible] (gr c Sadler's Wells - Ispahan)	O Pe[illegible]	[illegible]
4	(9)	41-521	**CRYSTAL HEARTED [illegible]** (Mrs C Poland) [illegible] (b c Broken Hearted - Crystal Fountain)	A Mc[illegible]	84
5	(13)	41[illegible]1	**ENTREPRENEUR 35 (G)** (M Tabor & Mrs J Magnier) M Stoute 9-0 (b c Sadler's Wells - Exclusive Order)	M J Kinane	[illegible]
6	(10)	[illegible]-1	**FAHRIS 51 (F)** (H al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-0 (ch c Generous - [illegible]anbiya)	R Hills	93
7	(6)	51-13	**MUSALSAL 24 (F,G)** (M al-Maktoum) B Hills 9-0 (b c Sadler's Wells - Ozone Friendly)	M Hills	90
8	(11)	15-324	**PAPUA [illegible] G)** (R & E Hitchins) I Balding 9-0 (ch c Green [illegible] - Fairy Tern)	G Carter	83
9	(7)	113	**ROMANOV 13 (F,S)** (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ([illegible] Nureyev - Morning Devotion)	J Reid	[illegible]
10	(5)	411-31	**[illegible]ARCH 28 (G,S)** (P Winfield) J Dunlop 9-0	Pat Eddery	[illegible]
			([illegible] Hall - Early Rising)		
11	(4)	1511	**SINGLE EMPIRE 13 (D,F,G)** (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 (ch c Kris - Captive Island)	D Harrison	89
12	(1)	323-1	**SYMONDS INN 23 (G)** (Marquesa de Moratalla) J Fitzgerald 9-0 (ch c In The Wings - Shining Eyes)	K Fallon	77
13	(12)	3-12	**TANAASA 2[illegible]** (M al-Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 (b c Sadler's Wells - [illegible])	NON-RUNNER	—
14	(3)	0114-1	**THE [illegible] 25 [illegible]** (Mrs J Corbett) [illegible] 9-0 ([illegible] Pharly - Nelly Do Da)	R Cochrane	86

Draw in brackets 1995: SHAAMIT 9-0 M Hills (12-1) W Haggas 20 ran

GUIDE TO THE BETTING

	[illegible]	Ladbrokes	Tote
ENTREPRENEUR	[illegible]	4-5	Evens
SILVER PATRIARCH	[illegible]	6-1	5-1
BENNY THE DIP	[illegible]	8-1	7-1
CLOUDINGS	[illegible]	9-1	10-1
FAHRIS	12-1	14-1	12-1
BOLD DEMAND	20-1	16-1	25-1
SYMONDS INN	[illegible]	28-1	18-1
THE FLY	[illegible]	20-1	20-1
ROMANOV	[illegible]	25-1	33-1
MUSALSAL	33-1	33-1	33-1
SINGLE EMPIRE	33-1	40-1	33-1
CRYSTAL HEARTED	66-1	66-1	50-1
PAPUA	200-1	250-1	200-1

PAST POINTERS

Ever since Entrepreneur stormed home as if pursued by furies in the 2,000 Guineas, he has been odds on to win the Vodafone Derby. The only subsequent trial that seemed to threaten his dominance was that of Silver Patriarch at Lingfield. But it appears only an empty threat to his cohorts of backers who regard him as invincible. The bookmakers, in addition, have reported Silver Patriarch an easy-to-back second favourite. Yet history teaches a different lesson. Entrepreneur may yet prove an outstanding horse. Since the war, Nashwan, Nijinsky, Sir Ivor, Royal Palace and Crepello have all been successful favourites for the Derby after a Guineas triumph; in addition, Nimbus won both races but was only second favourite for the Derby. The hard facts, nevertheless, are that these are the only Guineas winners who have succeeded in the Derby since racing resumed just over half a century ago.

A further ten Guineas winners were made Derby favourites and failed the big test, most notably Tudor Minstrel at 7-4 on in 1947, for whom the hype was similar to that for Entrepreneur, but he did not stay. In addition, there have been no fewer than 16 Guineas winners who were not favourite for the Derby and all but two were unplaced at Epsom.

[illegible]er perspectives are:

[illegible]ALS
[illegible] Lingfield Derby Trial, wi[illegible] [illegible]se and distance similar to [illegible], has been the most [illegible]ful, with eight winners, [illegible]ent being Kahyasi in [illegible]

[illegible]S
W[illegible]de every season si[illegible] 19[illegible] except 1995, Pat Eddery has [illegible] best record with three wi[illegible] and seven places. Mic[illegible] Kinane, Michael Hills, Joh[illegible]d and Ray Cochrane have [illegible] one success apiece.

TRA[illegible]S
John [illegible]lop has had three Derby triumphs, Michael Stoute two, Ian Balding and Peter Chapple-Hyam one apiece.

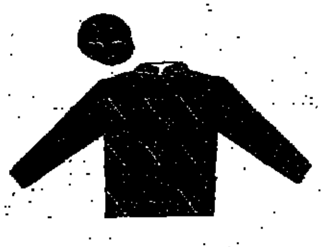
Barry Hills has four times saddled the runner-up.

OWNERS
Robert Sangster has the best record with two winners, four seconds and two thirds.

GREYS
Only four greys have captured [illegible] Derby since Gustavus in 1821. Airborne, 1946, was the most recent. A further dozen have been placed, the latest being 500-1 chance Terimon in 1989. Silver Patriarch and Cloudings are out to improve the record today.

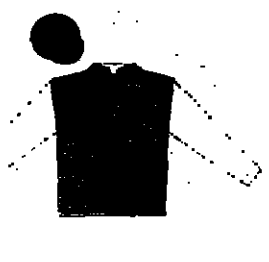
Summing up, the statistics suggest a win for Silver Patriarch, with Entrepreneur and Romanov nominated for places.

JACK WATERMAN

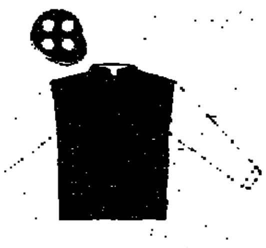


8. PAPUA
Jockey: Gary Carter
Only runner with experience of the course but his second in a three-horse race hardly confers any great advantage. Distant fourth to Silver Patriarch at Lingfield offers little encouragement either. First Derby ride for Carter.

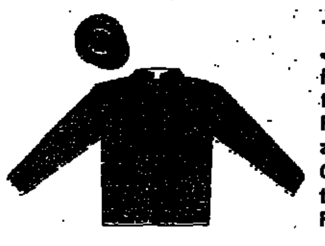
9. ROMANOV
Jockey: John Reid
Reunites 1992 Derby-winning team of Chapple-Hyam and Reid, successful with Dr Devious. Third in Irish 2,000 Guineas last month confirms ability, but has stamina doubts to overcome. Reid rides in preference to Single Empire.



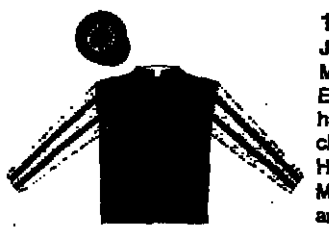
10. SILVER PATRIARCH
Jockey: Pat Eddery
Won Lingfield Derby Trial, which leaves no doubt about his stamina, although value of form is questionable. Has wealth of Derby experience on his side- John Dunlop has two Derbys to his name, Eddery three.



11. SINGLE EMPIRE
Jockey: David Harrison
Already has one Derby in the bag- the Italian variety- which, if nothing else, proves his stamina. More on his plate here, though, and unlikely to extend Roman empire to Epsom. Harrison keeps winning team intact.



12. SYMONDS INN
Jockey: Kieren Fallon
First Derby runner in 28 years as a trainer for Malton-based Jimmy Fitzgerald: Won same York race as 1993 winner, Commander In Chief, but it is asking a lot for him to follow in those hoofprints. Fallon leads jockey's title race.



14. THE FLY
Jockey: Ray Cochrane
Missed French Derby in favour of Epsom but only win this term, in a handicap, is some way below classic form. Deserted by Michael Hills in favour of stable-companion Musalsal but trainer believes both are capable of running well.

THE VERDICT

ENTREPRENEUR dominates the race and if he translates his 2,000 Guineas-winning form to this longer trip it is difficult to see him being beaten. Should he leave the door ajar, Fahris could be the one to force it open. He has recovered well from a recent sinus operation and, being by the 1991 Derby winner, Generous, can improve over this distance. **Silver Patriarch** is sure to stay but his Lingfield Derby Trial win leaves him something to find on form.
TEXT: GEORGE RAE/JAMES WILLOUGHBY

VODAFONE DERBY
Why not bet by phone?

THE VODAFONE DERBY
1 mile 4 furlongs, Epsom 3.45pm, Live on CH4 TV.
4/5 Entrepreneur
11/2 Silver Patriarch
7/1 Benny The Dip
11/1 Cloudings
12/1 Fahris
20/1 Bold Demand
22/1 The Fly
28/1 Romanov
28/1 Symonds Inn
33/1 Musalsal
33/1 Single Empire
66/1 Crystal Hearted
200/1 Papua
N/R Tanaasa
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BETTING WITHOUT ENTREPRENEUR
11/4 Silver Patriarch
7/2 Benny The Dip
11/2 Cloudings
6/1 Fahris
10/1 Bold Demand
10/1 The Fly
14/1 Romanov
14/1 Symonds Inn
16/1 Musalsal
16/1 Single Empire
40/1 Crystal Hearted
150/1 Papua
N/R Tanaasa
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BENNY THE DIP

May 14, York, good: (8-11) beat Desert Story 2½l with Musalsal (8-11) 3½l 3rd (1m 2f 85yd, group II, £79,190, 9 ran)

Apr 26, Sandown, good to soft: (9-0) 1½l 2nd to Voyagers Quest (8-12) with Silver Patriarch (8-10) 1½l and hd 3rd (1m 2f, group III, £40,194, 6 ran)

Oct 26 1996, Doncaster, good: (9-0) 1¾l 3rd to Medaaly (9-0) with Papua (9-0) 4½l 5th (1m, group I, £97,490, 9 ran).

BOLD DEMAND

May 27, Sandown, good to firm: (8-11) beat Shaya (8-11) 1¼l (1m 2f, maiden, £3,696, 18 ran).

May 3, Newmarket: see Single Empire.

Nov 8 1996, Doncaster, soft: (8-8) about 6½l 4th to Catienus (9-1) (1m, conditions race, £4,593, 6 ran).

CLOUDINGS

May 11, Longchamp, heavy: (9-2) beat Zenith Rose (9-2) neck (1m 2½, group I, £44,893, 5 ran).

Mar 31, Longchamp, good to firm: (8-12) beat Astarabad (8-12) neck (1m 2½f, listed race; £15,173, 5 ran)

Oct 21 1996, Deauville, soft: (8-12) beat Kaldoun Choice (9-2) neck (1m, conditions race, £19,763, 8 ran).

CRYSTAL HEARTED

May 8, Chester, heavy: (8-8) beat Barnum Sands (8-8) 13l (1m 2f 75yd, listed race, £26,720, 3 ran).

Apr 11, Nottingham, good to firm: (9-0) ½l 2nd to Sekari (9-0) (1m, conditions race, £5,234, 7 ran).

Mar 29, Kempton: see Papua.

ENTREPRENEUR

May 3, Newmarket, good: (9-0) beat Revoque (9-0) ¾l (1m, group I, £131,832, 16 ran).

Sep 25 1996, Chester, good: (9-0) beat Kharir (9-0) 2½l (7f 122yd, conditions race, £5,292, 4 ran).

Aug 21 1996, Kempton, good: (9-0) beat Falak (9-0) 5l with Silver Patriarch (9-0) 16l 11th (7f, maiden, £3,518, 15 ran).

FAHRIS

Apr 17, Newmarket, good to firm: (8-11) beat Panama City (8-11) 3l (1m 1f, listed race, £10,193, 7 ran)

Oct 21 1996, Pontefract, good: (8-11) neck 2nd to Entice (8-6) with Symonds Inn (8-11) about ½l 3rd (1m, listed race, £12,929, 7 ran).

Aug 22 1996, Salisbury, firm: (9-0) beat Another Night (9-0) 3l (7f, maiden, £3,646, 7 ran).

MUSALSAL

May 14 see Benny The Dip.

Mar 22, Doncaster, good to firm: (8-13) beat Handsome Ridge (8-13) short-head (1m, conditions race, £5,840, 12 ran).

Oct 29 1996, Leicester, good: (9-0) beat Kyle Rhea (8-9) 2½l (1m, maiden, £4,533, 16 ran).

PAPUA

May 10: see Silver Patriarch.

Apr 23, Epsom, good: (9-8) 1¾l 2nd to Pallo Sky (9-0) (1m 4f, conditions race, £8,302, 3 ran).

Mar 29, Kempton, good (8-8) 5¾l 3rd to Pelham (8-8) with Crystal Hearted (8-8) about 7¾l 5th (1m, listed race; £10,951, 7 ran).

ROMANOV

May 25, Curragh, good to yielding: (9-0) 5l 3rd to Desert King (9-0) (1m, group I, £112,700, 12 ran).

Apr 25, Sandown, good to firm (9-0) beat Harry Wolton (9-0) neck (1m, conditions race, £4,855, 6 ran).

Mar 29, Haydock, soft: (9-0) beat Musharak (9-0) neck (7f, maiden, £3,436, 9 ran).

SILVER PATRIARCH

May 10, Lingfield, soft: (8-7) beat Tanaasa (8-7) 7l with Papua (8-7) distance 4th (1m 3f 106yd, group III, £31,298, 5 ran).

Apr 26, Sandown: see Benny The Dip

Nov 2 1996, Newmarket, good: (8-11) beat Eldorado (8-11) ¾l (1m 2f, listed race, £9,523, 10 ran).

SINGLE EMPIRE

May 25, Rome, good to firm: (9-2) beat Ungaro (9-2) nose (1m 4f, group I, £242,190, 16 ran).

May 3, Newmarket, good: (9-0) beat Bold Demand (8-11) 3l (1m 4f, conditions race, £4,686, 6 ran).

Apr 19, Newbury, good to firm: (8-11) 18¾l 5th to Royal Amaretto (8-11) (1m 2f, conditions race, £7,962, 10 ran).

SYMONDS INN

May 15, York, good: (8-9) beat Shaya (8-9) 3½l (1m 2f 85yd, conditions race, £9,881, 6 ran).

Oct 21 1996, Pontefract: see Fahris.

Aug 20 1996, York, good (8-10) 2½l 2nd to Revoque (9-0) (7f, conditions race, £13,488, 7 ran).

TANAASA

May 10, Lingfield: see Silver Patriarch.

Apr 26, Leicester, good to soft: (8-7) beat Spartan Royale (8-7) 1¾l (1m 2f, maiden, £3,573, 16 ran).

Oct 28 1996, Leicester, good: (9-0) neck and short-head 3rd to Ortelius (9-0) (7f, maiden, £4,273, 10 ran).

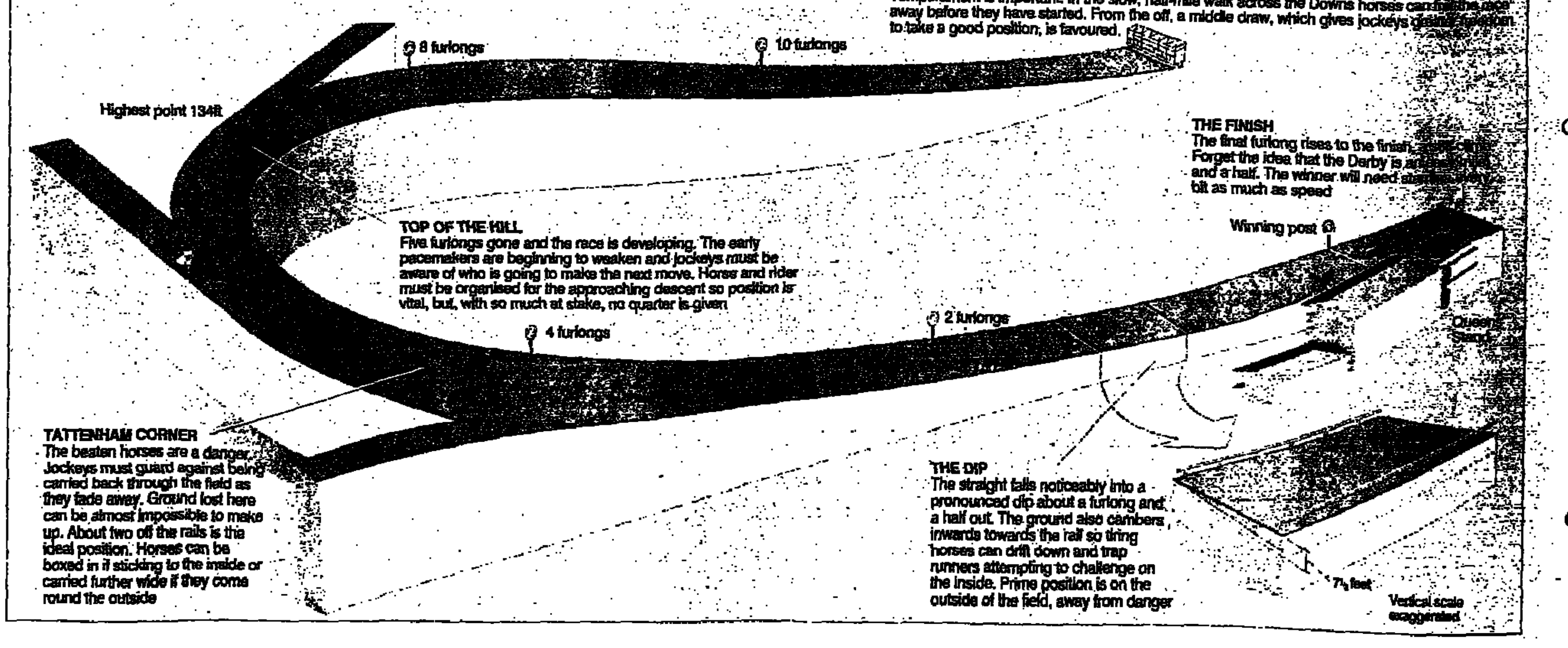
THE FLY

May 13, York, good: (9-0) beat Silverani (8-12) 3l (1m 2f 85yd, h'cap, £13,534, 13 ran).

Sep 12 1996, Doncaster, good to firm: (9-4) 3½l 4th to Al Azhar (8-10) (1m, h'cap, £18,310, 17 ran).

Aug 26 1996, Newcastle, good: (8-6) beat Demolition Man (8-8) 3l (1m, h'cap, £29,830, 20 ran).

Selection: ENTREPRENEUR



THE START
Temperament is important. In the slow, half-mile walk across the Downs horses can [illegible] race away before they have started. From the off, a middle draw, which gives jockeys [illegible] to take a good position, is favoured.

TOP OF THE HILL
Five furlongs gone and the race is developing. The early pacemakers are beginning to weaken and jockeys must be aware of who is going to make the next move. Horses and rider must be organised for the approaching descent so position is vital, but, with so much at stake, no quarter is given

TATTENHAM CORNER
The beaten horses are a danger. Jockeys must guard against being carried back through the field as they fade away. Ground lost here can be almost impossible to make up. About two off the rails is the ideal position. Horses can be boxed in if sticking to the inside or carried further wide if they come round the outside

THE DIP
The straight falls noticeably into a pronounced dip about a furlong and a half out. The ground also cambers inwards towards the rail so tiring horses can drift down and trap runners attempting to challenge on the inside. Prime position is on the outside of the field, away from danger

THE FINISH
The final furlong rises to the finish. [illegible] Forget the idea that the Derby is a[illegible] and a half. The winner will need st[illegible] bit as much as speed

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Tabor on verge of classic windfall

Julian Muscat finds one entrepreneur keen to see another make capital in the Derby

Exactly 27 years ago, Michael Tabor, then a small-time bookmaker, sat riveted to his television as Nijinsky gilded his 2,000 Guineas victory with a tour de force in the Derby. And in 1989, when Nashwan followed in Nijinsky's hallowed hoofprints, Tabor struck a mountain of winning bets to consolidate his wealth. The son of an East End glass manufacturer had come a long way in a short time.

Eight years on, however, and the canvas is richer in hue. Tabor's very own silks will be sported today by Entrepreneur, odds-on favourite for the Derby after a scintillating victory in the 2,000 Guineas.

Even by Tabor's extraordinary standards, it will be sobering for him to contemplate that victory might value the horse not far short of the £28 million he received for the sale of his betting business two years ago. He stands to coin as much after 150 seconds of galloping as he did from 25 years in bookmaking.

The portents suggest Entrepreneur is as good as past the post. Since selling the Arthur Prince betting shop chain, Tabor has multiplied his worth many times over — mainly within the maelstrom of currency speculation. It is now up to Entrepreneur to justify the name Tabor bestowed in recognition of his own business ventures. If fortitude strikes the rhythm of Tabor's pulse, he can but hope his horse boasts a similar heart.

Indeed, the smart money suggests that Tabor, 53, knows more than Stoute about Entrepreneur's heart. Rumours trail Tabor like an unwanted shadow: the latest holds that he and his advisers are indebted to a North American equine heart specialist for their catalogue of success. Evidently, no horse is bought unless the specialist is happy with its constitution. Such an approach has been touted before, but has never proved successful.

It is a bizarre concept, albeit one given credence by Tabor's abrupt reaction to the purchase of Oh Nellie, who graduated from the backwaters of Canadian racing to run second in the 1,000 Guineas.

Tabor is frank about most things but he recoiled when asked to amplify what has proved an inspired purchase. He let out a long laugh, a silence of equal duration, and said: "That's one aspect I'm not particularly keen to ... I have may own way of looking at things. I take advice and with Oh Nellie ... well, Demi O'Byrne [his right-hand man] and I flew out to see her in Canada and Demi just loved her. Let's just say I have people on the lookout for me."

A qualified veterinarian, O'Byrne is an integral member of Ireland's Coolmore Stud, whose part-patron, John Magnier, shares ownership of many horses — including Entrepreneur — with Tabor. Until recently Robert Sangster fronted the Coolmore operation. Tabor replaced him when Sangster consolidated his bloodstock interests in the wake of some bloody auction-house duels against the might of the Maktoum wealth.

Remarkably, Tabor, Magnier and their advisers have outstripped the Maktoums this season. Tabor's hopes have been carried not just by Entrepreneur and Oh Nellie, but by Desert King, the Irish 2,000 Guineas winner, and Strawberry Roan, the Irish 1,000 Guineas runner-up. These rewards underline why O'Byrne, for the Tabor-Magnier partnership, has bought yearlings as though monetary union would render the pound worthless.

However, Tabor is unflustered by the size of his investment in untried racing stock. He is vague about the number of horses he has in training (somewhere between 70 and 100), and the size of his outlay at last year's yearling sales. For the record, O'Byrne signed dockets for nearly $7 million (£3.45 million) at Keeneland, £3.4 million at Newmarket and £2.7 million at Goffs.

Success on the racetrack has convinced Tabor that he has backed another winner in aligning himself with Coolmore. He has "a little and therefore dangerous knowledge" of bloodstock, so trusting implicitly in his advisers.

Tabor's philosophy is handsomely endorsed by the fact that his bloodstock dealings remain profitable after three free-spending years. His penchant for living life by the day should ensure his presence at the glamour venues in the years to come. As with the equine heart specialist, however, he will remain an enigma within the cloak-and-dagger world of the Turf.

What is beyond dispute is that racing needs more men in Tabor's mould. Like Entrepreneur, whom he wants to keep in training next season, long may he run.

DAVID HASTINGS

Tabor is reaping rewards of his bloodstock investment

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THUNDERER

2.00 Ya Malak	3.45 Entrepreneur
2.30 Amid Albadu	4.30 Hidden Meadow
3.00 Tertium	5.05 **ARABIAN STORY** (nap)
	5.35 Lord Olivier

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 **ENTREPRENEUR.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Blue Iris. 2.30 Faithful Son. 3.45 **ENTREPRENEUR** (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN BACK STRAIGHT) SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 VODAC DASH RATED HANDICAP

C4

(£27,467: 5f) (13 runners)

101	(1)	2-3026	BRAVE EDGE 7 (D,F,G) (Harris Vale Racing Ptnrs) R Hannon 6-9-4	Pat Eddery	98
102	(10)	06-515	YA MALAK 12 (D,F,G,S) (Contrac Promotions Ltd) D Nicholls 6-9-2	Alex Greaves	98
103	(2)	1425-3	BLUE IRIS 27 (D,BF,F,G) (M Jarvis) M Jarvis 4-9-0	M Roberts	91
104	(11)	2-0205	DASHING BLUE 7 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Allen) I Balding 4-8-11	L Dettori	96
105	(9)	360-50	SPEED ON 7 (D,F) (P Deal) H Candy 4-8-9	C Rutter	94
106	(3)	00-140	REPERTORY 24 (D,F,G) (M Saunders) M Saunders 4-8-4	P P Murphy	95
107	(13)	202/60	ANOTHERANNIVERSARY 39 (D,G) (D Barker) G Lewis 4-8-4	Paul Eddery	92
108	(8)	30-000	AMAZING BAY 24 (D,F) (Lady Halifax) I Balding 4-8-3	T Quinn	95
109	(5)	-31114	SURPRISE MISSION 24 (D,F,G,S) (D Brotherton) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-3	S Sanders	[illegible]
110	(12)	03310-	LAUREL DELIGHT 301 (D,F,G) (Laurel Ltd) J Berry 7-8-3	P Roberts	93
111	(7)	000-44	THAT MAN AGAIN 30 (B,D,F,G) (J Duffy, R Duffy) S C Williams 5-8-3	G Carter	90
112	(4)	62331-	KUMAIT 218 (G) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 3-7-11	R Ffrench	91
113	(6)	-43166	DANCETHENIGHTAWAY 7 (D,G,S) (G Bosley) B Meehan 3-7-10	J Quinn	98

Long handicap: Laurel Delight 7-11, That Man Again 7-11, Dancethenightaway 7-9

BETTING: 9-2 Surprise Mission, 11-2 Ya Malak, 6-1 Dashing Blue, 7-1 Kumait, 8-1 Blue Iris, Speed On, 10-1 Brave Edge, That Man Again, 12-1 Anotheranniversary, 14-1 Dancethenightaway, 16-1 Repertory, 20-1 others.

1996: TO THE ROOF 4-8-3 G Hind (6-1 jt-fav) P Harris 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRAVE EDGE ¾l 2nd to Croft Pool in group II Temple Stakes at Sandown (5f, good) with YA MALAK (2lb better off) ¾l 5th. BLUE IRIS about 3½l 3rd to Royale Figurine in listed race at Bath (5f 161yd, good to soft). DASHING BLUE neck 2nd to Averti in conditions stakes at Bath (5f, good to firm) with REPERTORY (7lb better off) 3¾l 4th and ANOTHERANNIVERSARY (2lb better off) 3½l 7th. SURPRISE MISSION beat Selhurstpark Flyer 6l in handicap at Chester (5f, heavy) with THAT MAN AGAIN (4lb better off) 7l 4th and SPEED ON (11lb better off) 1½l 5th. KUMAIT beat Elnadim 1¾l in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good).
Selection: YA MALAK

2.30 VODAFONE DIOMED STAKES

C4

(Group III: £32,000: 1m 114yd) (9 runners)

201	(5)	13410-	ALMUSHTARAK 315 (F,G) (H al-Mutawa) K Mahdi 4-9-4	R Price	90
202	(2)	1/0-31	CAP JULUCA 10 (D,F) (M Myers) R Charlton 5-9-4	R Hughes	92
203	(3)	0-1110	KAMMTARRA 65 (F,G) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 4-9-4	L Dettori	93
204	(1)	106-21	POLAR PRINCE 13 (C,F,G) (Mrs C Stevenson) M Jarvis 4-9-4	R Cochrane	91
205	(8)	05-051	PRINCE OF MY HEART 20 (D,G,S) (G Hicks) B Hills 4-9-4	M Hills	98
206	(9)	1013-6	HURRICANE STATE 41 (G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-9	J Reid	88
207	(4)	211-12	AMID ALBADU 14 (F,S) (H al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-8-6	R Hills	94
208	(6)	11	FAITHFUL SON 11 (F,S) (M al-Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-6	M J Kinane	96
209	(7)	44-155	FANTASTIC FELLOW 13 (G,S) (Thoroughbred Corp) C Brittain 3-8-6	O Peslier	[illegible]

BETTING: 7-4 Faithful Son, 9-2 Amid Albadu, 5-1 Kammtarra, 11-2 Cap Juluca, 6-1 Fantastic Fellow, 10-1 Polar Prince, 14-1 Prince Of My Heart, 20-1 Hurricane State, 33-1 Almushtarak.

1996: BLOMBERG 4-9-4 D Harrison (6-1) J Fanshawe 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAP JULUCA beat Helleon ¾l in conditions stakes at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm). KAMMTARRA beat Tamhid 1½l in listed race at Nad Al Sheba (1m 2f, AW). POLAR PRINCE beat How Long ¾l in listed race at Capannelle (7f, good to firm). PRINCE OF MY HEART beat Wijara 7l in handicap at Newbury (1m 1f, soft). AMID ALBADU beat Pearlie House ¾l in 18-runner handicap at Newbury (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. FAITHFUL SON beat Za-Im 3l in 6-runner conditions stakes at Leicester (7f, good to firm).
Selection: CAP JULUCA

3.00 LONDON CAR TELEPHONES HANDICAP

C4

(£31,650: 1m 2f 18yd) (14 runners)

301	(1)	040-41	THE DILETTANTI 35 (D,G) (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 4-9-10	S Sanders	97
302	(9)	000-56	HENRY THE FIFTH 11 (S) (A Richards) C Brittain 4-9-9	O Peslier	94
303	(8)	230126	MAJOR CHANGE 12 (CD,F,G) (Two In One Ptnrs) Miss G Kelleway 5-9-8	K Fallon	95
304	(4)	15/014	ROCKFORCE 32 (D,F) (G Mazel) M Channon 5-9-6	R Hughes	98
305	(14)	0-4211	CHAMPAGNE PRINCE 12 (D,F,G) (Magnum Force) P Harris 4-9-5	C Lowther (7)	97
306	(13)	-01040	HUNTERS OF BRORA 12 (F,S) (R Gibbons) J Bethell 7-9-5	J Reid	[illegible]
307	(10)	1432-5	SPIRITO LIBRO 24 (CD,F,G) (Camelot Racing) D Cosgrove 4-8-13	Martin Dwyer (3)	90
308	(2)	-36405	BARDON HILL BOY 18 (D,F,G) (Miss M Breslin) B Hanbury 5-8-13	W Ryan	92
309	(7)	03-306	STAR MANAGER 23 (G,S) (M Arbib) P Cole 7-8-12	T Quinn	95
310	(3)	0100-0	CONSPICUOUS 18 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Hopkins) L Cottrell 7-8-10	M Roberts	91
311	(12)	063-01	FAHS 12 (D,F,G) (City Industrial Supplies Ltd) R Akehurst 5-8-8	M J Kinane	98
312	(6)	-06062	TERTIUM 3 (BF,F) (W Smith) M Wane 5-8-7	L Dettori	97
313	(5)	4000-1	AUTUMN COVER 33 (F,G) (G Alexander) P Hedger 5-8-7	R Ffrench (5)	98
314	(11)	02-005	TROJAN RISK 29 (B,BF,F) (J McCarthy) G Lewis 4-8-5	J Quinn	95

BETTING: 7-2 Fahs, 7-1 Rockforce, 8-1 Champagne Prince, Major Change, 9-1 Tertium, 10-1 The Dilettanti, Trojan Risk, 12-1 Autumn Cover, Conspicuous, 14-1 Hunters Of Brora, Spirito Libro, 16-1 others

1996: ELA-ARISTOKRATI 4-9-10 P Robinson (16-1) L Cumani 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAJOR CHANGE beat CHAMPAGNE PRINCE (2lb worse off) head in handicap over course and distance (good), with THE DILETTANTI 6¼l 4th and TROJAN RISK (12lb better off) 5¾l 11th. ROCKFORCE beat Virtual Reality 2½l in handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm). HUNTERS OF BRORA (disqualified) beat Hawksley Hill 2l in Spring Cup at Newbury (1m, good to firm). SPIRITO LIBRO neck 2nd of 17 to Wilcuma in the Magnet Cup at York (1m 2f 85yd, good) with TERTIUM (24lb better off) 47l 17th, July 96. STAR MANAGER about 1¾l 3rd of 14 to Star Talent in handicap at Sandown (1m, good to firm). FAHS beat Nordansk 5l in handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm). AUTUMN COVER beat Lonely Leader ¾l in handicap at Kempton (1m, good) with STAR MANAGER (5lb better off) 2¼l 7th.
Selection: SPIRITO LIBRO

3.45 VODAFONE DERBY STAKES

C4

(Group I: 3-Y-O colts and fillies: £595,250: 1m 4f 10yd) (14 runners)

RUNNERS, RIDERS AND COLOURS — SEE FACING PAGE

4.30 TALKLAND CONDITIONS STAKES

C4

(3-Y-O: £20,937: 7f) (6 runners)

501	(1)	-54111	TOMBA 14 (C,G,S) (J Good) B Meehan 9-9	K Darley	95
502	(2)	513-10	HIDDEN MEADOW 35 (D,G) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0	M Hills	[illegible]
503	(5)	1-0	TYCOON TODD 35 (G) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 9-0	L Dettori	77
504	(4)	352-01	WASP RANGER 18 (G) (C Wright) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	81
505	(3)	40-140	ZARETSKI 35 (D,F) (B Veal) C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts	76
506	(6)	1355-	MOONSHINE GIRL 273 (G) (M al-Maktoum) M Stoute 8-6	J Reid	84

BETTING: 6-5 Hidden Meadow, 4-1 Tomba, Tycoon Todd, 7-1 Moonshine Girl, 8-1 Wasp Ranger, 16-1 Zaretski

1996: RAMOOZ 9-4 W Ryan (5-2 jt-fav) B Hanbury 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

TOMBA beat Man Howa 1¼l in listed handicap at Haydock (6f, good to soft). HIDDEN MEADOW beat Granny's Pet 5l in listed race at Newmarket (7f, good). TYCOON TODD beat Harry Wolton 2½l in 16-runner maiden at York (6f, good). WASP RANGER beat Selfish neck in 4-runner maiden at Goodwood (1m, good). MOONSHINE GIRL 1l 3rd of 13 to Dance Parade in group III Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, good to firm).
Selection: TOMBA

5.05 PAKNET RATED HANDICAP (£23,650: 1m 4f 10yd) (9 runners)

601	(1)	342-14	HARBOUR DUES 21 (D,F,G,S) (Hesmonds Stud) Lady Herries 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	93
602	(5)	2-0104	ROCKY OASIS 11 (S) (M al-Maktoum) M Stoute 4-8-13	O Peslier	90
603	(3)	1102-6	ARABIAN STORY 20 (CD,F,G) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-11	L Dettori	94
604	(2)	130-21	GIVE ME A RING 23 (F,G) (G Reed) C Thornton 4-8-6	D McKeown	[illegible]
605	(4)	30-144	ROMIOS 12 (F,G,S) (C Shiacolas) P Cole 5-8-1	C Rutter	98
606	(6)	4-0001	HOH EXPRESS 16 (D,G) (D Allport) I Balding 5-8-1	K Darley	95
607	(9)	00004-	LOMBARDIC 273 (D,F,G) (Bonusprint) J Old 6-8-0	J Quinn	90
608	(8)	21151-	WILLIE CONQUER 233 (D,F,G) (R Tooth) R Akehurst 5-8-0	Martin Dwyer (3)	96
609	(7)	320-30	ARTIC COURIER 34 (CD,F) (A Hardy) D Cosgrove 6-8-0	R Ffrench (5)	93

Long handicap: Willie Conquer 7-13, Artic Courier 7-9

BETTING: 3-1 Willie Conquer, 4-1 Harbour Dues, Rocky Oasis, 6-1 Arabian Story, 8-1 Hoh Express, 10-1 others.

1996: BACKGAMMON 5-8-0 J Quinn (6-1) J Old 9 ran

5.35 VODAPAGE HANDICAP (£24,054: 6f) (12 runners)

1	(4)	-44052	MY BEST VALENTINE 7 (C,F,G) (The Valentines) J White 7-10-0	R Ffrench (5)	[illegible]
2	(12)	100-22	SELHURSTPARK FLYER 30 (CD,F,G,S) (E Deuters) J Berry 6-9-12	P Roberts (5)	96
3	(2)	000403	WARNING TIME 5 (D,F,G) (F Wilson) B Meehan 4-9-8	J Reid	91
4	(9)	05-134	EASTERN PROPHETS 43 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Purches) G Lewis 4-9-3	Paul Eddery	90
5	(6)	266-55	MARL 17 (G) (Sir Eric Parker) R Akehurst 4-9-3	T Quinn	91
6	(1)	2000-1	YOUDONTSAY 28 (D,F,S) (T Nicholls) T Naughton 5-9-2	Pat Eddery	91
7	(5)	11121-	CLAN CHIEF 286 (D,F,G) (P Lowe) J Arnold 4-9-1	D Harrison	95
8	(8)	312155	KIRA 8 (D,BF,F,G) (J Wilson) J Eyre 7-9-1	K Fallon	91
9	(11)	380-30	FOR THE PRESENT 11 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs J Hazell) T Barron 7-9-0	K Darley	95
10	(10)	-00052	WHITE EMIR 10 (B,BF,F,S) (Three Bears Racing) B Meehan 4-8-12	M Hills	90
11	(7)	24-251	LITERARY SOCIETY 7 (F,G) (Lady Celina Carter) J Toller 4-8-9	S Sanders	95
12	(3)	30-100	LORD OLIVIER 21 (CD,F,G) (J Nunn, The Daily Mail) W Jarvis 7-8-9	L Dettori	97

BETTING: 5-1 Literary Society, 13-2 Youdontsay, 7-1 Selhurstpark Flyer, Clan Chief, 8-1 others

1996: SELHURSTPARK FLYER 5-8-8 P Roberts (12-1) J Berry 17 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Jarvis	4	8	50.0	K Fallon	4	10	40.0
A Fabre (Fr)	4	12	33.3	Paul Roberts	3	11	27.3
Lord Huntingdon	6	20	30.0	G Carter	5	20	25.0
Miss G Kelleway	4	14	28.6	S Sanders	9	42	21.4
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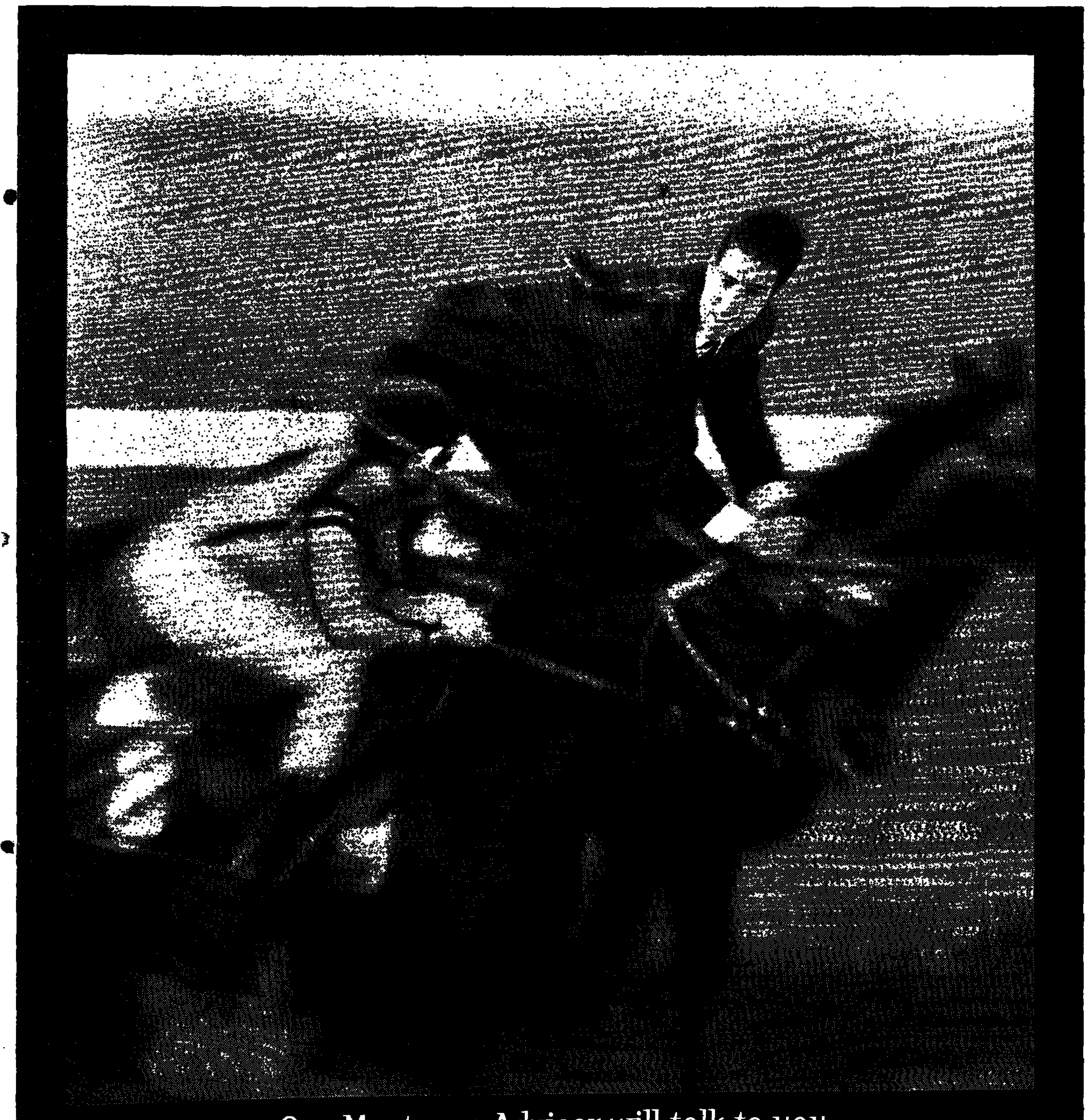
J Dunlop	7	34	20.6	Pat Eddery	18	94	19.1



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MICHAEL HENDERSON

At Edgbaston

For two hours yesterday morning, a small and not terribly distinguished part of a big and not awfully nice city was transformed into a land of milk and honey. So superbly did Master Hussain and Master Thorpe bat, more mellifluously even than they had played the previous evening, that one wanted to stand on the nearest rooftop and shout (extremely loudly): "Hurrah!".

It was Sydney Smith, the 18th century parson-wit, who famously described his idea of heaven as "eating pâte de foie gras to the sound of trumpets". For many of his countrymen, watching two Englishmen bat against Australia as this pair did, over four and a bit sessions, evokes almost equally celestial visions. In the view of many spectators last night, not all of them sober, admittedly, Hussain and Thorpe stood only slightly lower than the angels.

Make no mistake, something important has happened at Edgbaston. However much David Lloyd and Michael Atherton may try to play down the significance of England's performance, the meaning of the team's superiority was not lost on the crowd. Weather permitting, England will win this match and, it is clear, they can now take the series. Even three days ago that sort of talk was permissible only by consenting adults behind closed doors.

They will need luck, of course, the kind of luck that Hussain enjoyed when he was 82 and Glenn McGrath hit him on the front pad in line with off stump, the kind of luck that forces a bowler like Gillespie from the field, and the kind of luck that ensures that edges fly past third slip's lughole and not into his hands. England have been lucky in this match, but, having played from the first ball with such resolve and daring, they have earned their occasional moments of fortune.

Hussain's innings was, in a word, sovereign. For patience, skill, judgment and brilliance of stroke, it will take some beating this summer and, if it is beaten, we shall all be richer for the experience. Thorpe was not inferior. For much of their partnership, he was the more dashing.

In that giddy first hour of the day, as McGrath found a length better suited to English conditions and made his contest with Hussain a true test, England scored 81 runs! The first session yielded an incredible 135, bringing to mind John Arlott's remark when Walcott and Weekes were pasting England 40 years ago: "This is not cricket. This is civilised murder."

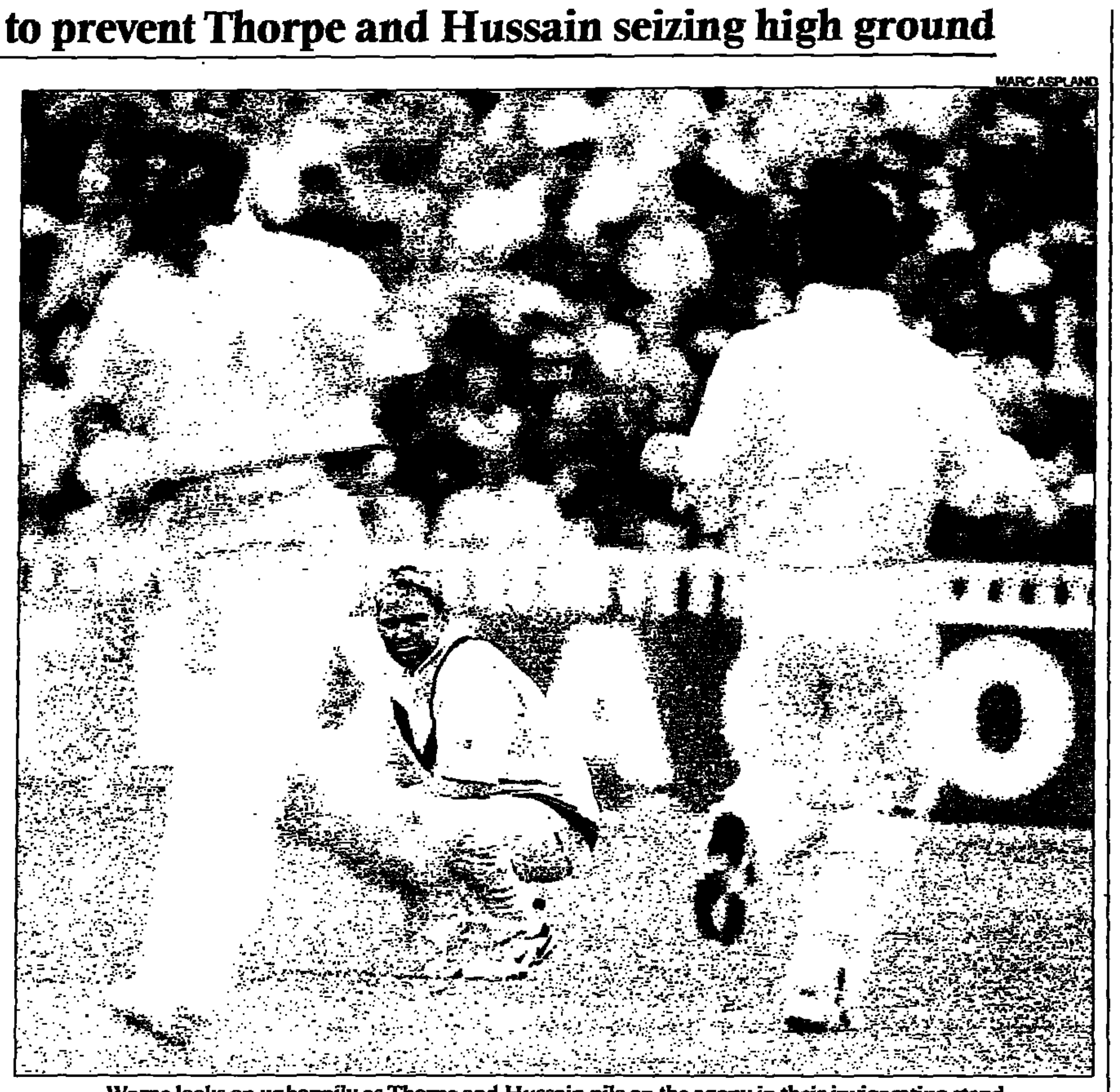
Hussain's sister, Benazir, is a principal dancer with the Royal Ballet and his own balance and movement did not lack distinction. He played the best shot of the first day when he opened the face of his bat and pushed Shane Warne to the extra-cover boundary. Yesterday, he went from 188 to 200 with three resounding strokes, the second of which, a straight drive essayed after he had waited for the ball, was particularly sweet.

When he reflects on this match next week, next month or sometime in the next millennium, Hussain may not quite believe just how well he batted. He clearly felt that he had a point to prove and, like Andrew Caddick, he responded to exclusion from the one-day party with a performance underscored by a sense of his worth.

"Thorpey is always positive," he said, "and the right hand-left hand combination obviously helped. We were determined not to lose a wicket when we resumed, because it's the sort of pitch where you can easily lose a couple more. But the crowd really got behind us, and everybody is talking about us nicely for a change."

Why not? English crowds have not had a batting day as good as this since 1985, when David Gower seemed to bat all summer against Australia. The players are happy as Larry, the spectators are full of joy, and even the newspapers that thought not six months back that our cricket was wretched have amended their line — for the time being.

Hussain's innings was effectively a call to arms on the sonorous trumpet admired by Mr Smith, and if England win this game, he is entitled to blow it again. What else is a trumpet for?



MARC ASPLAND

Warne looks on unhappily as Thorpe and Hussain pile on the agony in their invigorating stand

Century by Wagh averts follow-on

By Barney Spender

THE PARKS (second day of three): Oxford University, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 138 runs behind Glamorgan

RAIN brought a premature end to play in the Parks yesterday and probably consigned this game to a draw, but the weather did not intervene until after Mark Wagh, the Oxford University captain, had scored a fine 116, his maiden first-class century.

Wagh, who will join Warwickshire after the University match, began the day in more subdued mood than on Thursday evening, when he raced to his 50 off 47 balls. The bowling was tighter and he was starved of the strike for long periods. Showing admirable patience, he added just six in the first hour before opening up to reach 98 by lunch.

Five balls after the interval he paddled Dean Cosker down to long leg and took the two runs that he needed to complete the first Oxford hundred of the season. It came from 163 balls, with 17 fours.

Applauding at the non-striker's end was Peter Morgan, an uncomplicated right-hander, who set about the bowling during a partnership with Wagh that produced 132 in 30 overs. Morgan twice swotted Darren Thomas for six and had reached 63 when he hit Cosker to mid-off, a dismissal that sparked a collapse from 235 for three to 240 for seven in four overs. Tail-end resistance, however, saw Oxford past the follow-on mark of 273. Although Thomas picked up five for 95, Cosker was the pick of the bowlers.

With Wayne Law nursing his damaged elbow, Duncan Fletcher, the Glamorgan manager, took the field before lunch, but later gave way to Nick Pirihi, the Oxford twelfth man, who must be worried about his place at Lord's after taking the catch that ended Wagh's four-hour stay.

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18/1	3-1	28/1	DRAW	DRAW	4/1
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Cork adds to Derbyshire woes

By Richard Hobson

CHESTERFIELD (third day of four): Derbyshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 157 runs ahead of Hampshire

A PAIR of England cricketers from the recent past caused Derbyshire concern yesterday, one of them from within their own ranks. As Robin Smith was compiling one of the more straightforward of his 52 first-class hundreds, Mike Horton, the Derbyshire chairman, announced that the club will conduct an inquiry into the latest episode in the saga of Dominic Cork's injury.

Cork has not played since the end of April and a visit to a specialist last Wednesday revealed that he is suffering from Gilmore's groin, otherwise known as a "sporting hernia." He will be assessed by Gerry Gilmore, the surgeon who has given his name to the specific ailment, next Wednesday. If the diagnosis is confirmed, he will undergo an operation that would effectively rule him out of the entire Test series against Australia.

Cork's problem does not end there, however. Horton said: "It would appear that he told a member of the press before the club and the club will be taking up the matter internally over the next few days." Disciplinary action remains a possibility, this less than a week since Chris Adams was fined £750 (£250 of which was suspended) after his show of dissent against Australia.

Smith: commanding

Indeed, as threatening clouds drifted towards Queen's Park in the early evening, it became easy to think that where this ailing county is concerned it never rains, only pours. Bottom of the championship and the Axa Life League before the present round of matches, they desperately require victory in one form over the weekend to restore morale.

They will need to show a marked improvement in their bowling today if they are to take the ten Hampshire wickets that they will require, assuming that Dean Jones, the captain, sets a target this afternoon. Once Hampshire avoided the follow-on target of 374 yesterday, it became a question of just how long John Stephenson would extend the innings.

Eventually, he brought things to a close at tea with the deficit at 101. Derbyshire extended their advantage to 157 before play was abandoned. Just 17 wickets have fallen in the first three days, which puts Derbyshire's task into context. With this in mind, the figures of three for 40 returned by Paul Aldred constitute a personal success and, having also scored a career-best 83, he can look back on this game with satisfaction.

None of his colleagues generated as much movement and Smith, in particular, appeared determined to fill his boots. In this form, the moments of self-doubt that occasionally fill his mind become inexplicable. Hampshire were within eight of their initial target when he edged Kevin Dean to slip, three balls after reaching 150 in 4¼ hours. In all, he hit 23 fours and two sixes.

Smith offered the only semblance of a chance on 51 when Adams put a hand to an edge, but otherwise he unrolled his signature square cut with brutal regularity and pulled with equal force.

Aldred held a return catch from Kevan James and produced a fine ball that Kendall was good enough to nick to Krikken before lunch. He returned to remove Stephenson leg-before, but, by the time that Aymes was dismissed, the innings had lost any sense of relevance to what is likely to ensue today.

Hemp stands firm to frustrate Kent

By Ivo Tennant

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (third day of four): Warwickshire, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 172 runs ahead of Kent

IT WAS with some reluctance that Glamorgan allowed David Hemp to leave the Principality last year. He is making runs for Warwickshire and not without style and a sense of timing. His unbeaten century, on a pitch that does credit to an outground, gave Warwickshire some hope of beating Kent today. They resume 172 runs to the good with four second-innings wickets intact.

The irony was that Hemp could well have been playing for Kent, who, once it was known that he was leaving Glamorgan and before they acquired Wells, were keen to sign him. He has justified Warwickshire's belief by scoring three centuries in four innings, even if one of these came off joke bowling at Southampton. He batted here with great clarity of purpose.

In the morning, Kent had extended their first-innings lead to 65. Thompson, whose unbeaten 59 was his career-best score, put on 109 with Phillips for the ninth wicket. From the manner in which they played, it was increasingly hard to imagine that they have never been regarded as reasonable batsmen. The innings ended when McCague was brilliantly caught at long-on by Penney.

When Warwickshire went in again, Smith became the third batsman in this match to be bowled without playing a shot. Knight is in need of a decent number of runs, but they were not forthcoming here. He was held at midwicket driving at Phillips, who took the first three wickets. Hemp, meanwhile, drove and pulled with considerable gusto. There were ten fours in his half-century and 17 in his innings.

His difficulty was that nobody else stayed put. Penney drove uppishly to mid-off, Ostler was nicely held by Marsh off Strang, tumbling to catch the ball as it deflected off bat and thigh pad, and Brown was brilliantly caught left-handed at second slip by Llong. Hemp pulled Strang for six to reach his century, made off 159 balls, but then lost Moles, who batted low in the order because of a strained Achilles tendon. There is more for him to do today.

Taylor and Athey in vintage form

By Derek Hodgson

CHESTER-LE-STREET (third day of four): Sussex, with two second-innings wickets in hand, are 278 runs ahead of Durham

NEIL TAYLOR scored his second century for Sussex to set up an interesting last day. The pitch is wearing and rain closed in last evening. Taylor's hundred was not, apparently, in the class of his debut 127 against Northamptonshire, at Hove. His timimg, apart from a leaning on-drive, was awry, but he still managed 13 fours in 143 balls.

The first hour, under a grey-blue sky and a blustery wind, had proved to be something of a farce. Simon Brown and Alan Walker, the last Durham pair, fit that job description. Their task was to reduce the deficit of 64 by any means, and this they did valiantly for 55 minutes while Sussex huffed and puffed and generally made fools of themselves.

Mark Robinson, the most effective bowler to the suspect Lumley end on Thursday evening, was not used. Vasbert Drakes and Paul Jarvis relied, it seemed, on brute force and intimidation. So, 23 overs passed, 29 runs were added and then the penny dropped. Up came Amer Khan, the leg spinner. In his only over, there was a two, one stumping chance, two big fours and a catch at long-on. Simple.

So, Sussex batted for 17 overs before lunch with a lead of only 35 and, when the now ebullient Brown had Keith Greenfield caught behind in the third over, and Neil Lenham was beautifully caught at second slip in the tenth, they were only 54 ahead with eight wickets remaining.

A good third day crowd began to pay less attention to their transistors and more to "wor lads".

Taylor and Bill Athey soon cooled their enthusiasm by raising 142 in the next 38 overs, Athey just completing his half-century, off 114 balls, before being leg-before. Taylor's hundred followed two overs later and, as he was about to enjoy himself, Alan Walker produced a sudden lifter that took the edge.

Keith Newell was dropped behind when four and Mark, his brother, at first slip when three. Mark Saggers and Mel Betts the rueful bowlers. Yet neither Newell lasted long and Durham were into the tail when the light faded.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Hampshire

CHESTERFIELD (third day of four): Derbyshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 157 runs ahead of Hampshire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 523 (A S Rollins 210, P Aldred 83, C J Adams 79; S J Renshaw 5 for 110)

Second Innings

K J Barnett not out	28
A S Rollins not out	22
Extras (w 4, nb 2)	6
Total (no wkt)	56

BOWLING: Renshaw 7-1-22-0; Stephenson 6-0-34-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

J S Laney lbw b Harris	61
M L Hayden c Adams b Harris	46
K D James c and b Aldred	51
R A Smith c Adams b Dean	154
W S Kendall c Krikken b Aldred	25
*J P Stephenson lbw b Aldred	31
†A N Aymes c Adams b Clarke	20
S D Udal not out	23
A D Mascarenhas not out	4
Extras (lb 3, nb 4)	7
Total (7 wkts dec)	422

Score at 120 overs: 418-6.

S J Renshaw and J N B Bovill did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-110, 2-111, 3-220, 4-258, 5-366, 6-382, 7-418.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 22-4-76-0; Harris 29-5-95-2; Dean 18-2-86-1; Clarke 26-5-100-1; Jones 2-2-0-0; Aldred 18-5-40-3; Cassar 6-0-22-0.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 6 Hampshire 7

Umpires: K E Palmer and G Sharp

Durham v Sussex

CHESTER-LE-STREET (third day of four). Sussex, with two second-innings wickets in hand, are 278 runs ahead of Durham

SUSSEX: First Innings 373 (N J Lenham 93, P Moores 60; S J E Brown 5 for 115).

Second Innings

N J Lenham c Boon b Walker	6
K Greenfield c Speight b Brown	0
N R Taylor c Speight b Walker	109
C W J Athey lbw b Brown	50
K Newell c Speak b Betts	28
M Newell c Roseberry b Walker	8
*†P Moores not out	23
V C Drakes lbw b Walker	2
P W Jarvis c Saggers b Brown	10
A A Khan not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 4)	8
Total (8 wkts)	243

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-19, 3-161, 4-178, 5-206, 6-206, 7-208, 8-235

BOWLING: Brown 20-2-55-3; Betts 18-2-61-1; Walker 24-4-61-4; Foster 8-1-43-0, Saggers 8-3-19-0.

DURHAM: First Innings

J J B Lewis c Moores b Jarvis	89
M A Roseberry lbw b Drakes	0
J E Morris b Drakes	48
N J Speak b Drakes	0
*D C Boon lbw b Drakes	3
†M P Speight c Greenfield b Robinson	49
M J Foster b Robinson	56
M M Betts c Moores b Robinson	13
M J Saggers c and b Jarvis	1
S J E Brown c Robinson b Khan	24
A Walker not out	14
Extras (b 6, lb 11, nb 24)	41
Total (98 overs)	338

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-101, 3-101, 4-107, 5-184, 6-244, 7-286, 8-295, 9-297.

BOWLING: Jarvis 28-7-97-2, Drakes 27-5-90-4; Robinson 14-2-46-3; Khan 20-3-54-1; K Newell 9-1-34-0.

Bonus points: Durham 7 Sussex 8.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and D J Constant.

Kent v Warwickshire

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (third day of four): Warwickshire, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 172 runs ahead of Kent

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 314 (T L Penney 84, J B D Thompson 5 for 89).

Second Innings

*N V Knight c Fulton b Phillips	30
N M K Smith b Phillips	14
D L Hemp not out	113
T L Penney c Strang b Phillips	9
D P Ostler c Marsh b Strang	19
D R Brown c Llong b Thompson	0
A J Moles c Fulton b Fleming	12
G Welch not out	15
Extras (b 8, lb 7, w 10)	25
Total (6 wkts)	237

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-100, 3-118, 4-175, 5-176, 6-212.

BOWLING: Thompson 16-5-28-1, Phillips 12-2-48-3, Fleming 18-6-40-1, Strang 28-7-90-1, Llong 4-2-16-0

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton c Frost b Brown	73
M J Walker c Frost b Small	11
T R Ward lbw b Brown	33
A P Wells b Edmond	70
N J Llong b Small	13
M V Fleming c Penney b Small	5
P A Strang b Smith	12
*†S A Marsh lbw b Brown	5
J B D Thompson not out	59
B J Phillips c and b Welch	41
M J McCague c Penney b Smith	16
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 10, nb 20)	41
Total	379

Score at 120 overs: 339-8.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-99, 3-147, 4-181, 5-193, 6-235, 7-237, 8-243, 9-352

BOWLING: Welch 39-8-136-1; Small 19-7-51-3; Smith 30.2-8-88-2, Brown 25-5-73-3; Edmond 18-7-40-1

Bonus points: Kent 7 Warwickshire 6.

Umpires: B Dudleston and R Julian

Middlesex v Leicestershire

LORD'S (third day of four). Leicestershire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 121 runs ahead of Middlesex

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 280 (J J Whitaker 110, A R C Fraser 6 for 77).

Second Innings

V J Wells not out	76
D L Maddy c Ramprakash b Tufnell	103
A Habib c Kallis b Tufnell	13
N C Johnson lbw b Hewitt	17
A R K Pierson not out	9
Extras (b 2, lb 10, w 4, nb 2)	18
Total (3 wkts)	236

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-173, 2-191, 3-220

BOWLING: Fraser 19-6-47-0; Hewitt 13-1-53-1, Weekes 8-0-29-0; Tufnell 29-9-51-2; Johnson 7-0-35-0; Ramprakash 4-1-9-0.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

P N Weekes b Pierson	23
J H Kallis c Nixon b Mullally	23
*M R Ramprakash c sub b Mullally	97
M W Gatting b Pierson	94
J C Pooley c and b Brimson	55
†K R Brown lbw b Wells	5
S P Moffat lbw b Parsons	36
R L Johnson b Parsons	13
J P Hewitt b Parsons	0
A R C Fraser not out	4
P C R Tufnell c and b Parsons	2
Extras (b 11, lb 16, nb 16)	43
Total (105.2 overs)	395

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-55, 3-233, 4-287, 5-298, 6-343, 7-382, 8-382, 9-391.

BOWLING: Mullally 23-7-75-2, Parsons 13.2-5-22-4; Johnson 12-1-48-0; Pierson 33-3-115-2; Wells 8-0-46-1, Brimson 16-1-62-1

Bonus points: Middlesex 8 Leicestershire 6

Umpires: V A Holder and A Clarkson

Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire

NORTHAMPTON (third day of four). Northamptonshire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 216 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 235 (D Ripley 77; M N Bowen 5 for 57)

Second Innings

R R Montgomerie c Archer b Astle	14
M B Loye b Astle	26
*R J Bailey not out	78
K M Curran c Astle b Bowen	23
T C Walton c Tolley b Bowen	42
D J G Sales b Bowen	0
J N Snape not out	61
Extras (b 4, lb 3, nb 2)	9
Total (5 wkts)	253

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-40, 3-88, 4-144, 5-144.

BOWLING: Bowen 17-2-77-3; Pick 14-3-53-0, Astle 16-4-33-2, Tolley 11-0-47-0, Bates 6-0-22-0, Afzaal 5-0-14-0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

G E Welton lbw b Curran	3
M P Dowman b Curran	21
U Afzaal b Curran	4
N J Astle c Bailey b Mohammad Akram	0
*P Johnson b Emburey	41
G F Archer c Ripley b Emburey	11
C M Tolley lbw b Taylor	12
†W M Noon c Emburey b Taylor	93
R T Bates c Ripley b Curran	21
M N Bowen c Bailey b Taylor	32
R A Pick not out	8
Extras (b 4, lb 14, w 2, nb 16)	36
Total (101.4 overs)	272

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-14, 3-19, 4-79, 5-81, 6-91, 7-130, 8-183, 9-246

BOWLING: Mohammad Akram 20-3-79-1, Taylor 20.4-2-54-3; Curran 23-9-61-4; Emburey 25-11-36-2; Snape 13-5-24-0.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 5 Nottinghamshire 6

Umpires: G I Burgess and J H Harris.

Surrey v Essex

THE OVAL (third day of four). Surrey, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, need 300 runs to beat Essex

ESSEX: First Innings 347 (D D J Robinson 98, R J Rollins 56).

Second Innings

*G A Gooch c Hollioake b Salisbury	56
D D J Robinson c Lewis b Benjamin	23
A P Grayson c Knott b Salisbury	105
S G Law c sub b Lewis	27
R C Irani c Kennis b Hollioake	10
S D Peters lbw b Hollioake	0
D R Law b Salisbury	1
†R J Rollins c Bicknell b Benjamin	6
M C Ilott not out	20
A P Cowan c Kennis b Hollioake	29
P M Such b Lewis	0
Extras (b 2, lb 12, w 2, nb 9)	25
Total	302

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-133, 3-197, 4-222, 5-228, 6-229, 7-244, 8-250, 9-301

BOWLING: Tudor 6-2-18-0, Benjamin 17-6-60-2; Ratcliffe 11-1-35-0; Lewis 13.1-3-39-2, Salisbury 24-4-79-3; Hollioake 14-3-53-3; Shahid 1-0-4-0.

SURREY: First Innings 280 (A D Brown 109; A P Cowan 5 for 58)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell c Rollins b Irani	34
G J Kennis c Robinson b Cowan	0
J D Ratcliffe not out	30
†J A Knott not out	5
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (2 wkts)	70

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-61

BOWLING: Ilott 2-1-2-0; Cowan 7-1-39-1, D R Law 6-1-11-0; Irani 7-3-7-1 Such 7-2-10-0

Bonus points: Surrey 6 Essex 7

Umpires: A A Jones and D R Shepherd.

Yorkshire v Gloucestershire

HEADINGLEY (third day of four): Yorkshire, with six second-innings wickets in hand, need 217 runs to beat Gloucestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 305 (M A Lynch 60)

Second Innings

A J Wright c Byas b Silverwood	79
N J Trainor c Blakey b Stemp	30
R J Cunliffe b Silverwood	22
M A Lynch b White	64
S Young c and b Stemp	10
*M W Alleyne b White	52
†R C Russell st Blakey b Stemp	28
T H C Hancock c White b Silverwood	28
M C J Ball c sub b Hamilton	20
A M Smith not out	14
J Lewis b Hamilton	25
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 10, nb 2)	16
Total	388

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-129, 3-150, 4-167, 5-217, 6-289, 7-297, 8-343, 9-343.

BOWLING: Silverwood 20-2-96-3, Hartley 11-2-31-0, Hamilton 16.4-3-56-2; White 25-2-88-2; Stemp 38-8-108-3; Lehmann 1-0-5-0

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 183 (R J Blakey 51 not out; A M Smith 6 for 58).

Second Innings

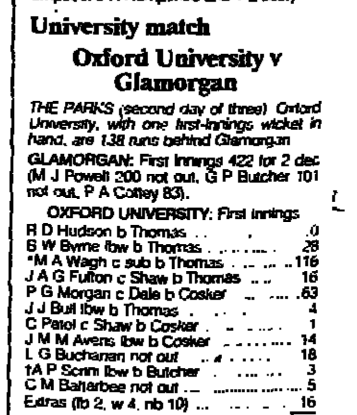
M D Moxon lbw b Smith	63
*D Byas b Young	22
D S Lehmann lbw b Young	10
B Parker c Russell b Young	64
C White not out	27
†R J Blakey not out	0
Extras (lb 4, w 2, nb 2)	8
Total (4 wkts)	194

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-90, 3-104, 4-194

BOWLING: Smith 12-6-34-1; Lewis 9-3-22-0; Young 12-4-30-3, Alleyne 13-0-55-0 Ball 10-2-32-0; Hancock 3-2-13-0; Trainor 2-1-4-0

Bonus points: Yorkshire 4 Gloucestershire 5

Umpires: J H Hampshire and T E Jesty



Maddy: rapid century for Leicestershire

University match

Oxford University v Glamorgan

THE PARKS (second day of three): Oxford University, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 138 runs behind Glamorgan

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 422 for 2 dec (M J Powell 200 not out, G P Butcher 101 not out, P A Cottey 83).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

R D Hudson b Thomas	0
B W Byrne lbw b Thomas	28
*M A Wagh c sub b Thomas	116
J A G Fulton c Shaw b Thomas	16
P G Morgan c Dale b Cosker	63
J J Bull lbw b Thomas	4
C Patel c Shaw b Cosker	1
J M M Averis lbw b Cosker	14
L G Buchanan not out	18
†A P Scrini lbw b Butcher	3
C M Batterbee not out	5
Extras (lb 2, w 4, nb 10)	16
Total (9 wkts)	284

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-85, 3-103, 4-235, 5-237, 6-238, 7-240, 8-256, 9-268

BOWLING: Thomas 25-4-95-5, Warren 14-5-45-0, Cosker 29-10-68-3; Butcher 14.3-3-56-1, Edwards 5-2-18-0

Umpires: M J Kitchen and K J Lyons

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Ilford: Essex 350-7 dec and 155 (M Bell 6-58, S McDonald 4-29); Warwickshire 331 and 176-3 (M J Powell 91, W G Khan 54). Warwickshire win by seven wickets. Swansea: Glamorgan 183 and 140-6 (G J Hayne 66 not out; J F Brown 4-45); Northamptonshire 382-7 dec (R J Warren 151, A L Penberthy 53, J G Hughes 51 not out). Match drawn. Abbotsholme School, Rocester: Derbyshire 508-4 dec. Sussex 324 (R K Rao 199; S Lacey 6-88) and 144 (I Blackwell 4-54). Derbyshire win by an innings and 40 runs. Southampton: Surrey 299 and 218-6 (J N Batty 73); Hampshire 402-9 dec. Match drawn. Tuffley Park, Gloucester: Yorkshire 370-9 dec and 157-4 dec (A McGrath 55); Gloucestershire 227 and 101. Yorkshire win by 199 runs. Lensbury CC: Middlesex 366-6 dec and 196-5 dec (D C Nash 55); Durham 307-7 dec and 149-5. Match drawn. (final day of four) Kidderminster: Somerset 557 and 356, Worcestershire 433 and 272 (K R Spiring 75, V S Solanki 61, W P C Weston 53, S Herzberg 5-65; J I D Kerr 4-41). Somerset win by 208 runs.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Beaconsfield: Buckinghamshire 226-7 and 354-4 (N D Burns 178, R B Hurd 94). Staffordshire 228-3 and 260-6 (S J Dean 59). Match drawn.

AON RISK TROPHY (one day): Old Trafford: Lancashire 290-6 (M E Harvey 108 not out, A Flintoff 73); Nottinghamshire 190 (S J Musgrove 55). Lancashire win by 100 runs.

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CRICKET

Blossoming Maddy confirms rich promise

By Simon Wilde

LORD'S (third day of four): Leicestershire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 121 runs ahead of Middlesex

IT IS amazing what a couple of days can do for one's confidence. England know all about that at Edgbaston and so, too, does Darren Maddy, as promising a 23-year-old cricketer as there can be in the country. While the national team was enjoying itself at Australia's expense, Maddy was quashing a few self-doubts at Lord's. One day, their paths might cross.

Maddy batted beautifully here for 103, not playing a false shot until well on the way to the fourth hundred of his career and a score that equalled his highest in the championship. His first-wicket partnership of 173 with Vince Wells has kept Leicestershire in this match — just.

They closed on 236 for three, with Wells anchoring the innings on 76 after four hours 40 minutes at the crease and Smith, remember, *hors de combat*. Middlesex had batted brightly but indiscriminately in establishing a first-innings lead of 115, with Pooley playing well for 55, Moffat for 36 and Parsons polishing off the tail with an animated spell of four wickets in 26 balls. An interesting finish is in prospect today.

Leicestershire are often dismissed as an unglamorous side, but there is nothing dull about Maddy's strokeplay. He stamped his authority on the day with his first scoring shot, when he rolled his wrists on a ball from Hewitt and it sped to the mid-wicket boundary. It must be one of the hardest shots to play, but Maddy repeated it more than once during the course of an innings studded with 17 fours and a six.

Maddy, who is the only regular member of his team born in the county, has been identified as a special talent for a couple of years. Many speak highly of him, not least his team-mates, and he played for The Rest at Edgbaston in April, but the player himself has struggled to come to terms with his growing reputation.

"It has taken him time to gain confidence and find his feet," Jack Birkenshaw, the Leicestershire manager, said yesterday. "He has respected everyone too much but is starting to realise that he is good enough to be out there with them. He is brave against the quicks and strong, the right characteristics for an opening bat.

"He got a bit bogged down in the first innings, overawed by the occasion and people talking about him. We told him to go out and be positive today." He was certainly that, bursting out of the blocks with four boundaries against Hewitt and always outstripping Wells during their stand. His half-century came in a total of 71, his century out of 163.

Middlesex, in truth, neither bowled nor fielded well in favourable conditions and sometimes it was hard to fathom what they were about, especially with their over-aggressive appealing. Their claim for a catch at the wicket against Wells, on 54, off Fraser led to words of caution from umpire Clarkson to Ramprakash. Only Fraser put the ball regularly in the right spot.

Tufnell, after a tentative afternoon spell, returned to cause problems in the final hour, though he unimaginatively persisted in operating from over the wicket. When he did this earlier, Maddy had taken him to task, lifting him over the square-leg boundary for his six, but Tufnell was vindicated when he had him caught off a miscued sweep.

Hancock compounds Yorkshire's suffering with an extravagant cut for four at Headingley yesterday

Yorkshire struggle to turn tide of history

By Michael Austin

HEADINGLEY (third day of four): Yorkshire, with six second-innings wickets in hand, need 217 to beat Gloucestershire

AN HISTORICAL challenge confronts Yorkshire today. Needing 411, overall, to win — 80 more than they have hitherto achieved for victory in the fourth innings — they have a specialist batsman, Michael Vaughan, able to bat only in an emergency after cracking his left wrist and Peter Hartley, no slouch down the order, suffering from a stomach virus.

Yorkshire made 331-8 at Lord's in 1910 to beat Middlesex by two wickets and if, by some quirk, they triumph this time, they will have overturned Gloucestershire's monopoly and hindered their quest to regain top place.

When Bradley Parker was fourth out, caught by Jack Russell almost in front of second slip, Yorkshire lost a crucial wicket seven balls before bad light and rain ended play with 16 overs remaining.

Parker had made 64 from 122 balls, having shared a partnership of 90 with Craig White that raised Yorkshire into the hopeful, if not optimistic, zone.

Martyn Moxon's noble innings of 63 ended with a shuffle across a full-length ball from Michael Smith, a leg-before decision and a grim-faced trudge back, as if he had edged onto the pad.

This match has enjoyed few light moments but the village green did intrude when Jonathan Lewis, with a career-best 25, shared a last-wicket partnership of 45 in 32 balls with Smith.

It laid bare Yorkshire's fallibility with the second new ball. Chris Silverwood and Gavin Hamilton strayed outside the line of the stumps, the rustic pair often played and missed but, perversely, reaped a run harvest from the straight ball.

Mark Alleyne had compiled a half-century as Yorkshire's attack drifted into oblivion. Shaun Young did precisely the opposite for Gloucestershire, imposing himself with three for 30 on a pitch becoming slower and lower. His inswinger, which dismissed Lehmann leg-before, was a prime delivery.

Bailey happy to stay solidly conservative

By James Allen

NORTHAMPTON (third day of four): Northamptonshire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 216 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire

ROB BAILEY'S first season in charge of Northamptonshire was not a glorious one and his second has not started auspiciously. They have yet to win a championship match this year and, if they do so now, the captain will be entitled to much of the credit, for their lead has been built around his solidity.

Only Durham and Nottinghamshire finished below Bailey's team last year, when a wrist injury restricted his appearances. Yet they reached the Benson and Hedges Cup final and it is the one-day game that again offers, in that familiar refrain, the best route to some silverware. Their semi-final against Kent at Canterbury on Tuesday, in which Capel hopes to play despite a cracked knuckle, has assumed immense importance and victory today would do morale a power of good.

Relying more on timing than power, Bailey batted for little more than 3½ hours for his unbeaten 78, content to let the strokemakers around him do their bit. He played conservatively, and he needed to, as the flurry of shots was punctuated by the steady fall of wickets. Northamptonshire were only 107 in front when Sales was fifth out, bowled first ball by Bowen.

Faced with a deficit of 37, they had gone about their task in a somewhat frenzied manner, though their approach was refreshingly positive after two days dominated by graft. Sales was alone in failing to make a start. Even Montgomerie, who has been out of sorts, briefly found the gaps. Loye launched himself at anything short or over-pitched, Curran's second scoring shot was a six over mid-wicket and Walton hit the bad balls unremittingly hard.

Bailey found a more permanent partner in Snape, whose 61 is his highest score against a first-class county.

Without being as menacing as on the first day, Bowen continued to be the main threat. Nottinghamshire's problem was finding someone to lend him support and only Astle had any success.

Surrey face run chase after losing openers

By Jack Bailey

THE OVAL (third day of four): Surrey, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, need 300 runs to beat Essex

IT HAS taken three days for Essex to establish a clear advantage, and now Surrey will need to continue batting with more élan than when they fielded and bowled while Essex established a lead of 369. Victory is on the cards — the asking rate of three an over is not an inhibiting factor on this pitch — but they do need to score more runs, in the fourth innings, than anyone has mustered hitherto and both openers have gone.

Surrey may be helped by matters beyond their cricketing prowess — Ilott again retired from the fray after a few overs yesterday evening, with thigh trouble, and Cowan was discomforted by his right shoulder. Brown is reported fit to bat today for Surrey; so the fitness odds favour them, although not much else did yesterday.

Essex, on the other hand, will be pleased that the venerable Gooch made his first half-century for them this season. Looking to the future, they will be even more delighted with the form of Grayson. He held the innings together for 3¼ hours while making his third century for Essex.

Not that it was the greatest of tests. A good pitch and an attack that looked ragged round the edges helped, but he could do no more than take advantage, and this he did. Had it not been for the inability of several Essex batsmen to cope with Salisbury's leg breaks from round the wicket into the rough, the horse might have bolted beyond Surrey's reach.

As it was, Salisbury accounted for Gooch, Danny Law and, finally, Grayson by this method. Only Stuart Law dealt with him in summary fashion, either by kicking him away or by hoisting him for six into the fourth row of the unpopulated Surridge enclosure, as he did, on one occasion. It was unnerving to see Salisbury reduced to bowling in this fashion, but, with Tudor injured, the cupboard, Hollioake apart, was pretty bare.

ATHLETICS

Christie to face Bailey in Sheffield dash for cash

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

BRITISH athletics is preparing to enjoy the spin-off benefits of the Donovan Bailey-Michael Johnson 150 metres in Toronto last weekend after it was announced yesterday that Bailey would race Linford Christie over the distance in Sheffield on June 29. The event in Toronto may have ended in farce, but the publicity that it attracted, combined with Christie's impressive early-season form, could nudge the Securicor Games at Don Valley Stadium towards a 25,000 sell-out.

Given the poor attendances in Great Britain last season, the kick-start that Sheffield looks set to give the British Athletic Federation's summer programme is welcome. The week began with fears that the Toronto fiasco would have a damaging effect on Sheffield, raising doubts over whether Johnson's injury might prevent him from racing Roger Black, but ended with two spoonfuls of tonic for Ian Stewart, the meeting director.

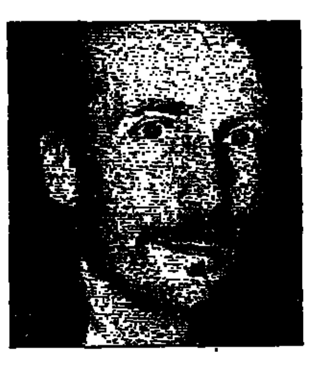
Brad Hunt, Johnson's manager, indicated to Stewart yesterday that it was still his athlete's intention to run in Sheffield. On top of that, Stewart was able to announce Bailey v Christie the day after the latter had recorded his second successive grand prix 100 metres victory.

It is a relief that Stewart will fill the other six lanes, eschewing North America's game-show style for a return to traditional athletics. Having kept faithful to the sport's converted, there is nothing wrong in promoting the Bailey-Christie angle, though Ian Mackie, a Scot, might spoil all predictions and take the £50,000 winner's purse.

It is the biggest prize incentive yet offered for a track race in Britain. The attraction of seeing Jan Zelezny and Steve Backley, the world's leading javelin throwers, can only add to Sheffield's appeal. Zelezny and Backley meet in Moscow tomorrow for the first time this season. Backley is looking forward to a series of competitions against Zelezny before the world championships in Athens.

If music be the food of sport then I have had a bellyful

SIMON BARNES



On Saturday

THIS column, founding member of the Society for the *Prevention of Music in Sport*, received unexpected support this week from, of all places, the National Basketball Association of the United States (NBA). The society has long rejected halfway measures, such as merely banning music beyond the threshold of pain (which would merely prevent 90 per cent of it).

David Stern, the commissioner of the NBA, has said that the music played at basketball games, during time-outs (ghastly inventions) and ever increasingly during actual play, is simply too much and too loud. He even has people monitoring the levels with decibel counters.

At the NBA finals, between Utah Jazz and Chicago Bulls, Chicago's home games begin with a video of a herd of bulls charging at the Chicago skyline, but it is the loud music during live action that is causing — at long last — concern. Indianapolis Pacers, for example, play deafening vroom-vroom noises from the Indianapolis 500 and, with charming old-fashioned sportsmanship, do so while their opponents are attempting free throws.

Charlotte Hornets play a loud buzzing sound whenever the opposition is under duress. Teams are permitted to play what they call "prompts" — musical calls to stimulate the crowd into cheering "Chaaarge!", for example, or "Dee-fense!" These days, though, teams take things a lot further.

"It's not exactly the clearest of all areas . . . ultimately our team operation has to decide whether it was or was not a prompt," Russ Granik, the deputy commissioner, said. Stern added sadly: "Maybe it's just an age thing." It is not. It is a taste thing. Fact: good sport does not need bad gimmicks.

They're off . . .

It's that man v horse time of year again. The course is 22 miles and will be run for the eighteenth time at Llanwrtyd in mid-Wales next Saturday. The score so far is horse 17, man 0. True, a four-man relay team beat the first horse home a couple of years ago, but that does not really count. The real barrier has yet to be broken. "The last great challenge in British sport," Graham Sharpe, of William Hill, a man with a fine sense of litotes, said. There will be around 20 horses and riders and 300 runners. William Hill are offering 25-1 against Man.

Hard to stomach

Just when you thought junk sport had reached its all-time low, in comes the sport of "gut-barging". The idea is that a bunch of overweight, beer-bellied chaps try to shove each other off a 12ft x 8ft mat using just their bellies. Binkie Braithwaite, of the World Gut Barging Association, said: "It's amazing how the sport has taken off. Last year we were playing nightclubs, marquees and fields. Now we are holding our championships in the Royal Albert Hall."

In the European championship last year, Mad Maurice ("The Bellied Eel"), of England, beat the German, Fred Zeppelin.

Jordan in a jam

I have to convey the earth-shattering news that Michael Jordan is not, in fact, perfect. Despite his last-second score to take game one of the NBA finals for Chicago Bulls, he left the game to discover that, like any standard, run-of-the-mill, non-super-powered idiot, he had locked his car keys inside his car. He had to break his own window to get in. He said afterwards, in his Wildean fashion: "Everything doesn't always come up roses around here."

Black mark

The simmering row about racial abuse in the great sport of Australian No Rules football was given another twist when Jim Stynes said that he had been abused twice this season, once by an Aborignal player. Stynes is Irish: he was recruited from Dublin in 1984 when Melbourne went out to look for tall, adept players from the sister sport of Gaelic football.

The incidents took place between Stynes and Luke Toia, of Fremantle, and Gavin Wanganeen, of Port Adelaide. Stynes declined to be specific about the insults, but it has been suggested that the witty phrase "Irish git" came into matters.

Neither of these altercations caused great problems, both being "resolved on the field", whatever that might mean, but Stynes added: "Australia is a pretty racist society. I get it every time before a game starts. There is no point in getting involved with supporters. I try to shut it out. It's just indicative of the society. If I get that, I wonder what these Aborignal kids are feeling about it."

One not out

The Nicolas Feuillatte Shane Warne Fizzometer currently stands at one.

IN BRIEF

Jaguar trail home in second gear

THE Jaguar Centre (Hull), representing England, finished second in the inaugural World Corporate Golf Challenge at the La Manga Club Resort in southeast Spain yesterday (Mel Webb writes). United Distillers, the Scottish champions, were third, while the overall event was won by Malaysia, whose two-round Stableford score of 174 points beat Jaguar by nine points.

There were two holes-in-one on the second and final day, one of which was produced by Michael Bahbout, a member of the Seton Healthcare team that represented Wales. All four British teams in the event were national finalists in *The Times* MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge last year.

Boxing: Joe Calzaghe, the Welsh super-middleweight, will get his chance to challenge for the world title this autumn, Frank Warren, the London promoter said yesterday. Calzaghe, who stopped Luciano Torres, of Brazil, in three rounds on Thursday, is likely to face Steve Collins, the World Boxing Organisation champion.

Cycling: Ivan Gotti, of Italy, remained on course to win the Giro d'Italia after resisting persistent challenges by Pavel Tonkov, of Russia, in the twentieth stage yesterday, which was won by Gonzalez Pico, of Colombia.

Gymnastics: Lilia Podkopayeva, the Olympic, world and European champion, from Ukraine, and Ivan Ivankov, of Belarus, the former world and European champion, will compete in the Welsh Open at Cardiff today.

Golf: *Greg Norman, of Australia,* recorded a 66, five under par, for a share of the first-round lead with Nick Price, Zimbabwe, in the Kemper Open in Potomac, Maryland. Nick Faldo, of Great Britain, had a 73.

Football: Geoff Chapple yesterday resigned after 13 years as manager of Woking, the Vauxhall Conference club, to take charge of Kingstonian, the Icis League club.

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CHANGING TIMES

TENNIS: FORMER CHAMPION FACES UNSEEDED CHALLENGER IN FRENCH OPEN FINAL

Kuerten shares joy from Brazil

FROM ROB HUGHES IN PARIS

JACK DABAGHIAN

Kuerten, the unseeded Brazilian, screams with delight after his semi-final victory in Paris yesterday

THE smile endures over Roland Garros and so does the scowl. The men's final in the French Open tomorrow will be between Gustavo Kuerten, the unseeded Brazilian, who brings fresh joy and improvisation to the courts, and Sergi Bruguera, the No 16 seed from Spain, whose game is solid, dependable and sometimes magnificent but, alas, whose brooding and cursing when questioning calls on critical points can be construed as unfair tactics.

Kuerten, 6ft 3in, sinewy and, seemingly elastic in his reach and scope, came dressed, once again, as the beach boy in blue and yellow right down to his blue tennis shoes. He required four sets to beat Filip Dewulf, the Belgian qualifier, who never quite mustered the self-belief or the game to claim more than the second set from Kuerten. The score after two hours and 13 minutes read 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6.

Poor Dewulf. The Belgian Crown prince had flown in for the occasion and Dewulf, so stiff limbed in comparison to Kuerten, was made to run in vain as the first set, taking 25 minutes, ran swiftly away from him. From the moment he was broken to love in the fourth game, Dewulf was outplayed, eclipsed for speed and perception — but at least he has courage.

After enduring a game early in the second set in which Kuerten served four aces, Dewulf stood his ground and solidly, stoically gave his Crown prince cause to applaud. Having won only once in nine games, Dewulf resiliently came back to square the match, one set apiece.

In the next two sets, though, Kuerten regained his concentration and he became quite unforgiving in his treatment of the Belgian. The third set lasted 19 minutes and the Brazilian won the last five games. The fourth set became competitive because Dewulf showed courage and Kuerten snatched slightly nervously at his match points. It extended but did not change the contest, and the man who is the most appealing on the eye of any in this tournament is already assured of doubling his career prize-money, whether he takes the winner's cheque worth £400,000, or the £200,000 for the runner-up. It will not come easily.

Bruguera may squeeze the joy out of tennis, but he has already been champion here twice and is in the groove again. His semi-final against Patrick Rafter, the Australian, pitted the wiles of a true clay-court specialist who waits for the opponent to come in and passes him, with Rafter's cavalier attempt to chip and charge and serve and volley his way through the tournament.

The first set took 53 minutes and featured, sometimes surprisingly, Bruguera at the net and Rafter showing from the back of the court that he has learned to better his groundstrokes, particularly the once non-existent backhand.

Eight games passed without a service break and then came four in succession as the two men fenced for authority. The tie-break was similarly hard-fought. Bruguera had a set point, just as he had at 5-4, but could not take it. Rafter then held on to win the tie-break on the fourteenth point, the first set in five losing contests that he had taken from the brooding man from Barcelona.

Bruguera, accuracy personified, sometimes whipping winning passing shots off his ankles, turned his forlorn expression into an exclamation of triumph when, within 20 minutes, he took the second set, 6-1. By now Rafter's clothing was transparent through his sweat on an evening in which the temperature rose above 80F. He just could not hold his service — indeed, he lost four service games in succession and Bruguera slowly edged towards victory.

In the fourth set, Rafter's indefatigable will rattled the Spaniard. Bruguera indulged in swearing at his father and coach, Luis, and calling the umpire down from the chair to validate close calls. It should not intimidate an opponent and, though Rafter missed a succession of overhead shots, it must be assumed that it was guile and placement that beat him and not calculated distraction.

Anyway, at 6-6 with Bruguera serving, Rafter had set point; he lost it by netting a relatively easy volley and was taken into a second tie-break. Bruguera scented victory and ran through his opponent 7-1. Either he or Kuerten will receive the winner's trophy tomorrow from Bjorn Borg. Borg, now there is a clay-court name to conjure with.

Refugees in pursuit of security and glory

FROM ROB HUGHES

PARIS in the hot spring is today a celebration of teenage quality that is at once inspiring and abnormal. Martina Hingis, 16, the leading female tennis player in the world, is expected to beat Iva Majoli, all of 19 and from Croatia, in the women's final at Roland Garros, for the French Open title that is worth £380,000 to the victor.

Teenagers hitting the ball with an unerring accuracy, running with unnerving remorselessness, is the way of tennis in the 1990s.

Hingis, unbeaten this year, is the acknowledged phenomenon of her game, and was conceived to be a champion. Her parents played tennis in Czechoslovakia, they named her after Martina Navratilova, who used the skill, the obsession, to escape the communist regime in their homeland.

Similarly, when Hingis was three, when she began to show her ability on the courts, her parents divorced; when she was seven, she and her mother, Melanie, left for Switzerland and, by the time she was 12 and the French Open junior champion, the agents of Mark McCormack were already grooming the smile that comes with the endorsements, the gain, the boredom and the pain.

Hingis can look very nearly impregnable around the courts, even if, in the second round here, she could have gone out to Gloria Pizzichini, and had moments of vulnerability against the resurgent Monica Seles in the semi-final.

Majoli: aggressive

While tennis has marvelled at her rise, it had almost given up on Majoli. "I know people were saying that they thought I could have achieved something in the French Open when I was 16 or 17," Majoli said defensively yesterday, "but I'm here now, I'm 19, it doesn't seem too late!" Indeed not. Majoli may not have the weapons, may lack ability at the net or any semblance of a drop shot, to beat Hingis.

Her opponents, though, testify to the weight of her ground strokes, the aggression of her game, the determined consistency of her stamina. Even under medication for a head cold, she outlasted Amanda Coetzer in a 2hr 22min semi-final, and she said: "I don't know if I can beat Martina, though I have one win over her in three matches. I'm going to go out there and try to play my game — you know, attack."

Majoli, like Hingis, was taught to take her chances before adolescence. From the age of 12, until 17, she lived and worked at the Nick Bollettieri tennis academy in Florida.

"Bollettieri's is like my second home. Nick is like my second father," Majoli said. "I love going back there, but I am living in Zagreb again now. I was disappointed the president of the Croatian tennis federation didn't come to the semi-final."

Hingis: phenomenal

You can imagine the intensity with which these refugees from harsh environments chase their glory and their millions. Hingis has been schooled, guided and groomed for stardom. She does not have her rollerblades with her, having arrived here recuperated after knee surgery. "It wasn't a big operation, just arthroscopy, and it's feeling better with each match," she constantly repeats.

Hingis will pay no taxes until she is 18. By then, heaven knows what she might achieve. All records are at her mercy except one. Hingis regrets that she cannot lay claim to being the youngest grand slam tournament champion, for Lottie Dod, who won Wimbledon in 1887 at 15 years and 10 months, is beyond her reach. Nothing else appears to be.

RUGBY UNION

Fear disappearing in 'Bermuda Triangle'

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, IN PRETORIA

THE British Isles enter today what Fran Cotton, their manager, has described as the "Bermuda Triangle" of the tour: the eight-day period in which the Lions meet three Super 12 teams, when reputations may be made or undone and the tour record — unblemished so far — could disappear into the void.

That is to take the superficial view of the games against Northern Transvaal, at the towering Loftus Versfeld here today, against Gauteng (formerly Transvaal) next Wednesday and Natal a week today. To say that all three provinces have been emasculated would be overstating the case, but, for example, the Blue Bulls — the soubriquet that Northern Transvaal have traditionally enjoyed — have had their horns drawn by the loss of six internationals.

Though they can still field three capped players, Jacques Olivier, the wing, is out for the season with injury and Joost van der Westhuizen, Ruben Kruger, André Snyman, Krynauw Otto and Marius Hurter are with South Africa, preparing for the international with Tonga on Tuesday. Gauteng and Natal will be similarly afflicted, so, even though the Lions will do well to win all three matches, particularly the midweek game in Johannesburg, this period is not as demanding as once it would have been.

Confidence is running high in the Lions camp as a consequence of the development evident in all of the four games that they have played. Moreover, since they have an extended squad, they can rest players at the slightest twinge — thus Allan Bateman, whom the management had hoped to play today, can recover from a strained tendon and Jeremy Guscott appears instead.

Shaw: turned ankle

The one area where they are not so well blessed, after the loss of Doddie Weir, is lock, so the sight of Simon Shaw sitting out training yesterday after turning an ankle was less than encouraging. However, he made light of the accident and seems certain to take his place in an all-England tight five that scrummaged intensely in an additional session on Wednesday night.

Nigel Redman, Weir's replacement, arrived from Argentina during the afternoon and Weir will be home by the time that the Mpumalanga disciplinary committee meets to decide whether punitive action should be taken against Marius Bosman, the player whose kick wrecked Weir's knee ligaments and placed his career in doubt.

Hennie Erasmus, the Mpumalanga Rugby Football Union president, admitted that there was a case to answer after his executive committee viewed a video of the match on Wednesday and the disciplinary commitee will assemble on Monday.

Bosman is not even a regular in the Mpumalanga team, so it is doubtful whether contractual action can be taken against him, though suspension for bringing the game into disrepute would seem the least charge that may be levelled against him. Weir, who is unlikely to be able to play again before Christmas, will have to take legal advice himself should he wish to pursue a civil action.

It will be limited consolation for Weir that he participated in one of the highest-scoring games in Lions history. The 64 points scored at Witbank equals the achievement of the 1959 Lions in New Zealand, against Marlborough-Nelson Bays, and has been exceeded only by the 97 points that the 1974 Lions scored in South Africa against South-West Districts, and the 69 points that the same party scored against Griqualand West (the 1959 party also beat Eastern Canada 70-6 on their way home and in 1930 the Lions beat Western Australia 71-3 in an unofficial game).

The exercise today, therefore, could be a case of coming down to earth against the only provincial team to hold Auckland in the Super 12 tournament — Northern Transvaal achieved a 40-40 draw in Pretoria — though they finished no higher than eighth in the overall standings. "We know we have to find a new level if we are going to do well," Ian McGeechan, the Lions coach, said.

NORTHERN TRANSVAAL BLUE BULLS: G Bouwer; C Steyn, J Schutte, D van Schalkwyk, W Lourens; R de Marigny, C Breytenbach; L Campher, H Tromp, P Boer, N van der Walt, D Grobbelaar, D Badenhorst, S Bekker, A Richter (captain).

BRITISH ISLES XV: T Stimpson (Newcastle and England); J Bentley (Newcastle and England), J Guscott (Bath and England), A Tait (Newcastle and Scotland), T Underwood (Newcastle and England); G Townsend (Northampton and Scotland), R Howley (Cardiff and Wales); G Rowntree (Leicester and England), M Regan (Bristol and England), J Leonard (Harlequins and England), L Dallaglio (Wasps and England), M Johnson (Leicester and England, captain), S Shaw (Bristol and England), E Miller (Leicester and Ireland), S Quinnell (Richmond and Wales)

Referee: A Watson (Eastern Transvaal)

England expecting their sternest test

FROM MARK SOUSTER IN BUENOS AIRES

AFTER a trying week, Jack Rowell, the England coach, was in need of better news yesterday regarding the fitness of Jim Mallinder, Adedayo Adebayo and Kevin Yates. He is hopeful that they will be passed fit to play against Argentina in the second and final international this afternoon, although a decision will not be made until this morning.

After conceding Mike Catt and Nigel Redman to the British Isles, Rowell will have been relieved that England's chances of securing a first 2-0 series victory, here at the Ferrocarril Oeste Stadium, had not been further undermined. Of the three injury doubts, Mallinder is the most likely to play. Adebayo, who was still on crutches yesterday, is giving most cause for concern.

Even with the inclusion of the trio, England will not underestimate their task. They expect Argentina to play a far tighter game than they did in the 46-20 defeat last Saturday, when they abandoned the controlled, driving forward play that has served them well in pursuit of a more fluid game. Pablo Bouza has bronchitis, so Pablo Camerlinckx moves to No 8, with Ignacio Fernández Lobbe coming in on the open side.

"They will attack us around the fringes using their big forwards and our cover defence has got to be first class," Phil de Glanville, the England captain, said. He believed that the furore surrounding Catt's departure had had an unsettling effect on the squad. "It is going to be much harder mentally," de Glanville said. "I said to the players that, if we were sitting in their shoes . . . I know how hard we would be trying, especially at home. They will be firing on all cylinders."

England, with Danny Grewcock winning his first cap at lock forward, will need to hold Argentina in the opening quarter and keep the ball in hand rather than kick away hard-won possession as they did last week, allowing Argentina the opportunity to counter-attack from deep.

Much rests on the shoulders of Tony Diprose and Kyran Bracken, at No 8 and scrum half, to buy time to allow Mark Mapletoft to settle at stand-off half on his debut. Argentina rallied to level the series in 1990, but England's resolve means that they should record an historic victory.

TEAMS

ARGENTINA: E Jurado (Rosario); T Solari (Hindu), E Simone (Liceo Naval), L Arbizu (Belgrano, captain), F Soler (Tala); G Quesada (Hindu), N Fernández Miranda (Hindu); M Reggiardo (Castres), C Promanzio (Duendes), R Grau (Gauteng), R Martin (San Isidro), G Llanes (Bath), P Sporleder (Curupayti), I Fernández Lobbe (Liceo Naval), P J Camerlinckx (Regatas Bella Vista).

ENGLAND: J Mallinder (Sale); J M Sleightholme (Bath), N J J Greenstock (Wasps), P R de Glanville (Bath, captain), A Adebayo (Bath); M S Mapletoft (Gloucester), K P P Bracken (Saracens); K Yates (Bath), R Cockerill (Leicester), D J Garforth (Leicester), M Corry (Bristol), M Haag (Bath), D J Grewcock (Coventry), B B Clarke (Richmond), A J Diprose (Saracens)

Referee: J Kaplan (South Africa)

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

ROME: IAAF grand prix meeting: Men: **100m:** A race: 1, L Christie (GB) 10.20sec; 2, D Aliu (Nigeria) 10.20; 3, D Ezinwa (Nigeria) 10.20. B race: F Obikwelu (Nigeria) 10.15. **200m:** 1, F Fredericks (Nam) 20.24; 2, P Stevens (Bel) 20.53; 3, K Little (US) 20.65; 4, Christie 20.67. **800m:** A race: 1, W Kipketer (Den) 1min 43.54sec; 2, N Tellez (Cuba) 1:44.35; 3, A Longo (It) 1:44.40. **B race:** 6, C Winrow (GB) 1:48.50. **1,500m:** 1, H el Guerrouj (Mor) 3:30.59; 2, A Hakimi (Tun) 3:33.54; 3, W Tanui (Ken) 3:35.10; 4, A Whiteman (GB) 3:35.38. **5,000m:** 1, D Komen (Ken) 12:48.98; 2, S Hissou (Mor) 12:52.39; 3, S Sghyr (Mor) 13:04.52. **3,000m steeplechase:** M Kiptanui (Ken) 8:07.50. **110m hurdles:** M Crear (US) 13.32sec. **400m hurdles:** F Mori (It) 48.34. **Long jump:** 1, J Beckford (Jam) 8.49m; 2, I Pedroso (Cuba) 8.48. **Shot:** 1, A Bagach (Ukr) 20.91. **Discus:** L Riedel (Ger) 67.60. **Women: 200m:** 1, M Trandenkova (Russ) 22.79sec; 2, M Frazer (Jam) 22.84; 3, J Cuthbert (Jam) 22.90. **800m:** 1, A Quirot (Cuba) 1min 58.70sec; 2, Y Afanaseva (Russ) 1:58.79; 3, S Masterkova (Russ) 1:58.89. **5,000m:** L Cheromei (Ken) 14:49.37. **400m hurdles:** 1, N Bidouane (Mor) 54.04sec; 2, K Batten (US) 54.54; 3, D Hemmings (Jam) 54.68; 5, S Gunnell (GB) 56.59. **High jump:** A Astafei (Ger) 1.93m. **Long jump:** 1, N Xanthou (Gr) 6.94; 2, F May (It) 6.75. **Shot:** 1, A Kumbernuss (Ger) 20.34; 2, V Pavlich (Ukr) 20.24. **Javelin:** F Tilea (Rom) 63.48.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati 6 Houston 5; Montreal 0 Atlanta 9; Pittsburgh 9 St Louis 3; New York Mets 6 Florida 0; Colorado 9 San Diego 7 (11inns); Philadelphia 9 Chicago Cubs 8 (10inns); Los Angeles 4 San Francisco 5.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee 1 Boston 2; Cleveland 5 Chicago White Sox 4 (11inns); Detroit 6 Seattle 14; Toronto 3 Oakland 4; Kansas City 3 Texas 6 (11inns); Minnesota 0 Anaheim 3.

BOWLS

ROMBOUTS COFFEE ENGLISH WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (Walker Cup): Second round: Derbyshire bt Cumbria 38-35; Yorkshire bt Northumberland 34-29; Huntingdonshire bt Warwickshire 43-36; Suffolk bt Northamptonshire 48-32; Dorset bt Isle of Wight 44-36; Gloucestershire bt Hampshire 50-28; Surrey bt Sussex 35-32; Buckinghamshire bt Hertfordshire 40-39.

BOXING

WHITCHURCH SPORTS CENTRE, Bristol: World Boxing Council international light-heavyweight championship (12 rnds): A Gath (Hull) bt G Catley (Bristol, holder) rsc 7th. **Welter** (8 rnds): R Hale (Bristol) bt S Stokes (Sheffield) pts. **Light-middle** (6 rnds): W Alexander (Craven) bt K Kaihau (Doncaster) ko 4th. **Middle** (6 rnds): D Dorrington (Bristol) bt P Carr (Sidcup) pts. **Super-middle** (10 rnds): J Calzaghe (Newbridge) bt L Torres (Br) rsc 3rd. **Cruiser** (8 rnds): K Oliver (Lincoln) bt D Westover (Ilford) ref 1st.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Twentieth stage (Brunico to Passo del Tonale, 176km): 1, J Gonzalez (Col, Kelme) 4hr 45min 03sec; 2, M Podenzana (It, Mercatone Uno) at 1min 42sec; 3, F Puttini (Switz, Ceramiche Refin) 2.10; 4, G Missaglia (It, Mapei) 3.02; 5, F Dotti (It, Ros Mary) same time; 6, G Pierdomenico (It, Cantina Tollo) 4.02; 7, B Boscardin (Switz, Festina) 4.50; 8, Y Berzin (Russ, Batik) 5.34; 9, A Baronti (It, Asics) 7.41; 10, A Noe (It, Asics) 10.10. **Leading overall positions:** 1, I Gotti (It, Saeco) 91hr 15min 48sec; 2, P Tonkov (Russ, Mapei) at 1min 32sec; 3, G Guerini (It, Polti) 6.00; 4, S Gontchar (Ukr, Aki) 10.27; 5, N Miceli (It, Aki) 10.40.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Asian qualifying zone: Group two: Kyrgyzstan 3 Maldives 0; Iran 1 Syria 0 (both in Damascus). Group seven: Kuwait 4 Singapore 0 (in Kuwait). Group nine: Iraq 1 Kazakhstan 2 (in Baghdad).

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying group two: Georgia 1 Moldova 0 (in Poti). Group nine: Ukraine 1 Germany 1 (in Kiev).

TOULON: Under-21 tournament: Final: France 2 Portugal 1 (aet, 1-1 at 90min).

SÃO PAULO CHAMPIONSHIP: Final stage: Santos 4 Palmeiras 0; São Paulo 1 Corinthians 1 (Corinthians are champions).

GOLF

SLALEY HALL: Compaq European Grand Prix: Leaders after two rounds (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): 137: C Montgomerie 69, 68. 138: B Lane 70, 68; R Goosen (SA) 69, 69; I Feliu (Sp) 71, 68. 139: P Lawrie 70, 69; S Bottomley 68, 71; D Carter 69, 70. 140: L Westwood 70, 70; F Anderson (Swe) 67, 73; S Henderson 69, 71; F Jacobson (Swe) 70, 70; N Briggs 70, 70; W Westner (SA) 71, 69; R Wessels (SA) 71, 69; D Gilford 71, 69; J Robson 72, 68; R Coles 70, 70; G Evans 72, 68. 141: E Canonica (It) 68, 73; P Golding 73, 68; P Harrington 67, 74; J Spence 69, 72; G J Brand 69, 72; R MacFarlane 72, 69. 142: M Tunnicliff 73, 69; P Affleck 70, 72; R Drummond 71, 71; P Haugsrud (Nor) 69, 73; J-C Pinero (Sp) 68, 74; A Beal 69, 73; G Turner (NZ) 70, 72; B May (US) 72, 70; S Webster 66, 76.

LETHAM GRANGE: Women's amateur international: Great Britain and Ireland bt South Africa 7½-4½.

POTOMAC, Maryland: PGA Kemper Open: Leading first-round scores (United States unless stated): 66: G Norman (Aus), N Price (Zim). 67: J Sluman, K Gibson, P Stankowski. 68: M Springer, A Doyle, B Crenshaw, M Hulbert, T Lehman, O Uresti. 69: A Lyle (GB), P Mickelson, J Leonard, T Herron, J Morse, L Wadkins, M Brooks, T Kite, T Smith, J Carter, S McRoy, J Kelly, S Jones, D A Weibring, J Haas, P Azinger, M Wiebe, B Hughes (Aus). Other scores: 70: J M Olazábal (Sp), J Daly. 71: E Els (SA). 73: N Faldo (GB).

KARLSTEIN, Czech Republic: KB Challenge Tour tournament: Leading first-round scores (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): 65: S Cronin. 67: G Owen, F Howley, R Wochgelaar (Holl). 68: M Reale (It), J Robinson, F Coupillard (Fr), R Winchester, A Cejka (Ger). 69: L Navarro (Sp), T Levet (Fr), A Lebouc (Fr), B Tinworth, L James, G Marks, M Debove (Fr), M Pendaries (Fr), S Kjeldsen (Den), E Giraud (Fr), P Gottfridsson (Swe).

EAST LANSING, Michigan: LPGA Olds Classic: Leading first-round scores (United States unless stated): 66: K Golden. 68: C Schreyer, M Mackall, C Hill, E Crosby, T Barrett, L Lindley, P Hurst, L Hackney (GB). 69: J Inkster, J Gibson, M Vineratos, A Ridgway. Other European scores: 70: C Pierce (GB); N Daghe (Swe). 72: L Neumann (Swe), C Matthew (Swe). 73: C Sorenstam (Swe). 74: S Strudwick (GB). 77: E Dahllof (Swe).

HOCKEY

BERLIN: Women's Champions' Trophy: Germany 3 Great Britain 0; Australia 5 United States 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Final: Detroit 6 Philadelphia 1 (Detroit lead best-of-seven series 3-0).

MOTORCYCLING

ISLE OF MAN: TT races: Production race (2 laps, 74.46 miles): 1, P McCallen (Motorcycle City CBR900RR Honda) 38min 39.4sec; 2, I Simpson (Rove Ducati) 38:47.0; 3, S Beck (GT M/Cs CBR900RR Honda) 39:02.3; 4, M Flynn (750 Suzuki) 39:28.9; 5, J Hodson (1000 Yamaha) 39:30.2. Senior race (6 laps, 226.38 miles): 1, McCallen (Honda RC45) 1hr 53min 26.6sec; 2, J Moodie (Honda V-twin 500) 1:53:45.3; 3, Simpson (V and M Honda RC45) 1:54:30.2; 4, B Jackson (Kawasaki) 1:54:50.6; 5, Beck (Kawasaki) 1:55:04.4; 6, D Young (Honda RC45) 1:55:28.5.

MOTOR RALLYING

SCOTTISH RALLY: Leading positions (after five stages): 1, A McRae (GB, Volkswagen Golf) 55min 04sec; 2, T Laukkanen (Fin, Volkswagen Golf) 55:04; 3, G Evans (GB, Ford Escort) 55:11; 4, M Higgins (GB, Nissan Sunny) 55:16; 5, H Rovanpera (Fin, SEAT Ibiza) 56:22; 6, M Rowe (GB, Renault Megane) 56:28; 7, D Mann (GB, Proton Persona) 57:39; 8, D Higgins (GB, Subaru Impreza) 57:44; 9, J Porter (GB, Mitsubishi Lancer) 58:57; 10, J Reynolds (GB, Ford Escort) 58:57.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Super League world club championship

Pool A

Brisbane 42 London 22

Brisbane Broncos: Tries: Walters 2, Lockyer, Mundine, Renouf, Sailor, Carroll. Goals: Lockyer 7. London Broncos: Tries: Roskell 2, Beazley, Duncan. Goals: Barwick 3. Att: 18,190

ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP: Halifax 20 Leeds 44

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (ARL): Illawarra Steelers 6 Balmain 18

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: King Country 32 Ireland Development XV 26 (in Taupo)

ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final: Third round: Treviso 26 Padova 11 (Treviso win 68-46 on agg)

SAILING

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Fifth leg (Cape Town to Boston, as at 12.14 GMT yesterday, with miles to Boston): 1, Group 4 188; 2, Motorola 321; 3, Courtaulds International 445; 4, Toshiba Wave Warrior 462; 5, Save The Children 488; 6, Concert 514; 7, Commercial Union 524; 8, Global Teamwork 555; 9, Nuclear Electric 560; 10, Pause To Remember 612; 11, Heath Insured II 673; 12, Ocean Rover 696; 13, 3Com 746; 14, Time & Tide 828.

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Ipswich 51 Bradford 39

PREMIER LEAGUE: Sheffield 44 Reading 46

TENNIS

PARIS: French Open: Men: Singles: Semi-finals: G Kuerten (Br) bt F Dewulf (Bel) 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6; S Bruguera (Sp) bt P Rafter (Aus) 6-7, 6-1, 7-5, 7-6. **Doubles:** Semi-final: Y Kafelnikov (Russ) and D Vacek (Cz) bt J Eltingh (Holl) and P Haarhuis (Holl) 7-6, 7-6. **Women:** Doubles: Semi-finals: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belar) bt M Hingis (Switz) and A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) 3-6, 7-6, 10-8; M J Fernandez (US) and L Raymond (US) bt A Fusai (Fr) and N Tauziat (Fr) 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. **Mixed doubles:** Semi-final: R Hiraki (Japan) and M Bhupathi (India) bt H Sukova (Cz) and C Suk (Cz) 6-4, 6-4. **Boys:** Singles: Quarter-final: A di Pasquale (Fr) bt J-R Lisnard (Fr) 6-7, 6-1, 6-2.

SURBITON: Surrey International Championships: Men: Final: J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt S Stolle (Aus) 7-6, 6-4. **Women:** Semi-finals: T Tanasugarn (Thai) bt S Noorlander (Holl) 6-3, 6-2; A Olsza (Pol) bt K-A Guse (Aus) 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.

RUGBY LEAGUE: BRISBANE WIN BATTLE OF THE BRONCOS WITH LATE SURGE

London given taste of parent power

Brisbane Broncos 42
London Broncos 22

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

FOR all that they stunned the ANZ Stadium into silence by twice leading, London Broncos struggled as much with different rule interpretations as the power and pace of their mother club in the opening world club championship match yesterday.

The loss of Shaun Edwards with a hamstring injury, shortly after his involvement in the pick of London's four tries, deprived them of their play-maker. Brisbane's typically forthright response to trailing 22-18 after Scott Roskell's second try left a tired London in no doubt as to why Brisbane, the Australasian Super League leaders, are favourites for this title.

London were far from embarrassed, but at no point did they come to terms with a far speedier play-the-ball interpretation and they were stranded offside too often.

In recovering from a bad start, London proved themselves smart opportunists. The ease with which Walters and Sailor had gone through the defence perhaps made Brisbane too confident. Three tries in 13 minutes derived from their mistakes and coincided with the arrival of Edwards off the bench.

With Edwards running across the face of the Brisbane defence, gaps began to open up and Tollett fed Duncan on the charge. London's second try followed a remarkable sequence of events. Possession was jolted from Martin Offiah's grasp in a high tackle by Ryan. Lazarus regathered in his in-goal area but was hit by Rosolen and the ball dribbled loose again for Beazley to touch it down.

Another casual piece of defending, by Lockyer, as he sauntered back to cover a pinpoint kick to the corner by Edwards, accounted for the score by Roskell that put London ahead for the first time.

A second try by Walters and the third of Lockyer's seven goals briefly levelled the scores. Krause, who had an excellent game in the centre, supplied the break and Offiah and Edwards the support for the 76th try of Roskell's London career.

It merely provoked Brisbane's runaway finish, with further tries by Lockyer, Renouf, Mundine and Carroll.

SCORERS: Brisbane Broncos: Tries: Walters (2), Sailor, Mundine, Renouf, Carroll, Lockyer. Goals: Lockyer (7). London Broncos: Tries: Roskell (2), Duncan, Beazley. Goals: Barwick (3).

BRISBANE BRONCOS: D Lockyer; A Carroll, S Renouf, A Mundine, W Sailor; K Walters, A Langer; S Webcke, J Driscoll, P Ryan, B Thorn, G Tallis, D Smith. Substitutes: G Lazarus, A Gee, J Plath, M Devere

LONDON BRONCOS: A Duncan; S Roskell, D Krause, G Barwick, M Offiah; T Tollett, J Wrelle; A Mestrov, R Beazley, R Bawden, S Rosolen, P Gill, T Matterson. Substitutes: S Edwards, M Salter, M Dunford, A Spencer.

Referee: W Harrigan (Sydney)

Halifax spared Daley's brilliance

HALIFAX received encouraging news on the eve of their opening Visa world club championship match in Canberra tomorrow. Laurie Daley, Canberra's outstanding stand-off, around whom so much of their attacking play revolves, has been ruled out through injury.

Daley, the Australia captain, has the ability to win a game on his own by his attacking abilities and tactical kicking. Last Sunday, even though he was suffering from the calf injury, he was one of the leading performers in Canberra's 34-18 win over Adelaide. "Losing Laurie so late is a blow, but he badly needs a week off to recover," Mal Meninga, the Canberra coach, said. Daley's place will be taken by Jason Burnham, 25, a utility player so talented that he can fill both half-back position as well as play as a forward.

Quentin Ponia, the New Zealand prop, will be another absentee. Provisionally, he had been named among the substitutes, but, like Daley, he is being given extra time to recover from injury.

Jason Croker, an international at World Nines level, who broke an arm just before the start of the Super League competition, started his comeback last Sunday and is expected to get plenty of playing time against Halifax.

Paul Koloi, who has played for only 42 minutes for the first team, could be a surprise inclusion in the Wigan squad for the match against Canterbury Bulldogs at the Belmore Stadium on Monday.

Koloi, the Tonga international, came off the bench to score a try in Wigan's 58-20 thrashing of Paris Saint-Germain a week ago and his impressive performance is likely to earn him a place in a party of 17.

Although Terry O'Connor, the Great Britain prop, is desperate to play and had a light training session yesterday, he is losing his battle to recover full fitness after an ankle injury.

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FOOTBALL: ENGLAND COACH URGES CAUTION AS INJURY TO SCHOLES DISRUPTS PREPARATIONS

Hoddle forced to revise plans for French test

OLIVER HOLT

In La Baule

IN THE car park by the side of the pitch where the England squad trained yesterday, Alan Shearer stood in front of a couple of photographers holding a baguette as if it were a bat, while Glenn Hoddle knelt behind him in the manner of a wicketkeeper. It was cricket weather here and captain and coach were paying homage to the men of Edgbaston.

Hoddle talked for a while about how excited the players were about the exploits of their counterparts against Australia. He said that his squad had been "doing somersaults" when details of the first morning's play were relayed to them. They had not sent a congratulatory telegram yet, though. "Let's wait for the result first," Hoddle said.

Hoddle and Shearer made trying to keep a sense of perspective their theme of the day, eager to remain realistic amid the euphoria that has swept the camp in the wake of their recent victories over Poland in Katowice and Italy in Nantes, and encouraging signs that the team is beginning to gel at the right time.

The optimism is such that, on the eve of their match against France in the hostile environment of the Stade de la Mosson in Montpellier tonight, England's second in the Tournoi de France, figures were being bandied around which showed that Hoddle's side was on the verge of putting together a run of six successive wins on foreign soil, a feat last achieved by Bobby Robson's team in the middle of the Eighties.

Not since October 1993, against Holland in Rotterdam, have England lost abroad, not since a month later, against San Marino, have they conceded an away goal. The statistics are compromised by the fact that the vast majority of Terry Venables's games in charge were played at Wembley, but it is still an impressive record.

Hoddle attributed much of the success to improved defending. "A few eyebrows were raised when I said last year that I felt we had been the poorest defenders in the world in the Premier League, but we have worked on that and it is paying off," he said. "We marked in zones and not man-to-man, but now we are trying to mix it up a bit more."

Most of all, though, he was keen to try to add a postscript of caution to the rave reviews that Paul Scholes, the Manchester United midfield player, has been getting since he made one goal for Ian Wright and scored the other himself on his full debut in the victory over Italy on Wednesday night. Colleagues such as Stuart Pearce have already said that they cannot remember a better debut.

Hoddle said that he had been planning to play Scholes against France, this time in attack with Shearer, but that he had a slight hamstring problem which had forced him to pull out of part of the training session, and that he would make a decision on whether to pick him this morning. "I'm aware that I was left out after a good international debut," Hoddle said, "and I wanted to play Paul tomorrow. We will just have to wait and see how he is feeling. It is a bit different to my situation anyway, because I was left out of World Cup qualifiers and this is a friendly tournament.

"I need to see now whether he can reproduce what he showed me on Wednesday, because he hit me between the eyes with what he did. I need to find out a little bit more about his temperament and whether he can play like that long term. If he can, then I might think, 'yes, we have got a player on our hands here', but if he can't then it is not a disaster. I do not want to put pressure on the boy."

Shearer, who made no secret of the fact that he was bitterly disappointed to have been left out of the match against Italy, was also the model of circumspection over Scholes. "I was absolutely delighted for him," he said, "because he has had trouble breaking into the Manchester United side, let alone England. If it had not been for Cantona, he would have been a regular.

"He has only got two caps and we must not build him up into a world-beater. I would imagine that the media have been buffing us up at home, but when you are up there, there is only one way to go, so we must not get carried away. I believe we have got the potential to go all the way in the World Cup finals, but it is one thing having potential, another achieving it."

In many ways, the match against a France team that has lost only once in 34 games — and was marginally the better side against Brazil in the 1-1 draw on Tuesday night — may be a better test of England's undoubted progress than the match against a lacklustre Italy.

France have made eight changes to that team and include Youri Djorkaeff, the highly-rated Internazionale midfield player, who will play behind the front two. Paul Gascoigne is likely to start for England after recovering from the thigh injury that he sustained in Poland, but Martin Keown has been ruled out with an arm problem.

PROBABLE TEAMS: England (3-5-2): D Seaman (Arsenal) — J Scales (Tottenham Hotspur), G Southgate (Aston Villa), S Campbell (Tottenham Hotspur) — G Neville (Manchester United), D Batty (Blackburn Rovers), P Gascoigne (Rangers), R Lee (Newcastle United), P Neville (Manchester United) — P Scholes (Manchester United), A Shearer (Newcastle United)

FRANCE (4-3-1-2): F Barthez (AS Monaco) — L Thuram (Parma), L Blanc (Barcelona), B N'Gotty (Paris Saint-Germain), P Laigle (Sampdoria) — D Deschamps (Juventus), P Vieira (Arsenal), M Keller (Karlsruhe) — Y Djorkaeff (Internazionale) — C Dugarry (AC Milan), N Ouedec (Espanyol).
Referee: S Belgola (Morocco)

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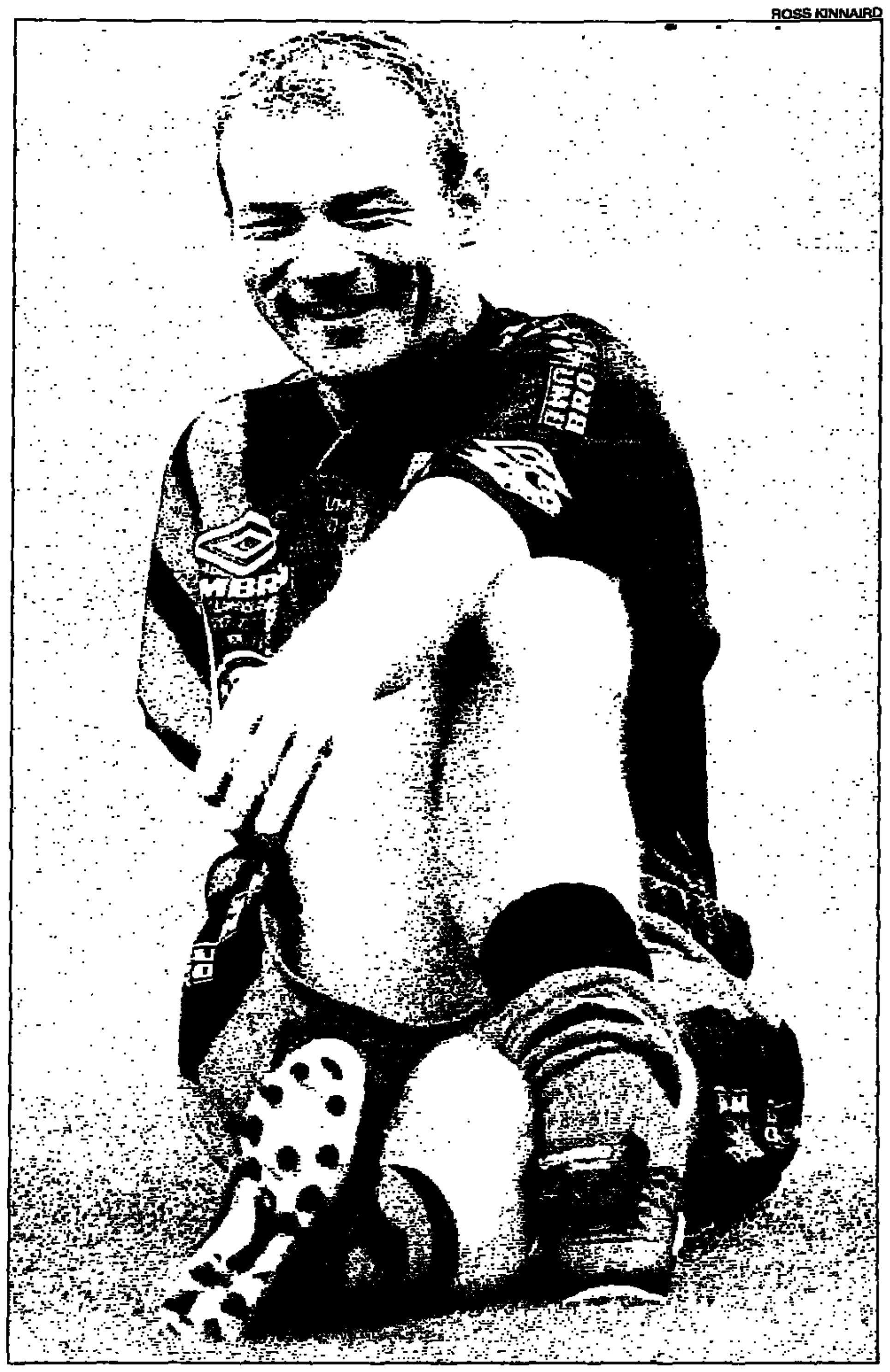

Shearer relaxes as England prepare for their second match in the Tournoi de France

Absences leave Brown fretting over his options

FROM KEVIN McCARRA IN MINSK

IT IS typical of Scotland's capacity for tribulation that, paradoxically, they should arrive here with a skeleton staff and conundrums over selections. The loss of John Collins, with a back injury, forces Craig Brown, the manager, to meddle with one of the favourite components of his side.

Scotland have been well served by their industrious midfield in the past and they have particular need now of the cover that it can provide, given that an inexperienced defence must be fielded against Belarus in the World Cup qualifying match tomorrow. Brown gives the impression that every solution to his difficulties carries fresh penalties of its own.

He might, for instance, withdraw Darren Jackson from the forward line into the area normally occupied by Collins and replace him in attack with Gordon Durie. Such a step, though, would break up the recently successful partnership of Kevin Gallacher and Jackson.

"Mikhail Vergeyenko, the Belarus manager, raved about the performance of those two together when we beat Austria." Brown, who feels uncomfortable about taking a step that might bring solace to the opposition, said. He could keep the pair working in tandem, with Scot Gemmill drafted into midfield, but the team would then suffer a dip in its level of experience.

The intricacies of selection absorb Brown all the more because this is a vital match for Scotland. After this game, his team's last two fixtures are at home. If all three are won, Scotland will at least finish second in the group. Despite the fact that a dozen players are ruled out, Brown cannot afford to see his team defeated in Minsk.

"We have got to win," Gary McAllister, the Scotland captain, said. "Even a draw is of no real use." Great demands are being made of such men and Brown reckons that McAllister has taken part in at least 60 matches over the past year. Few of them have been free of nervous tension.

Referring to the victory at White Hart Lane that saved Coventry City, his club, from relegation, McAllister said: "It was only worth £9.5 million." It is more difficult to put a value on success tomorrow, but the stakes remain high for him.

His flair for leadership makes him a treasured survivor in a party ravaged by injuries. Brown will trust that McAllister's influence and sheer presence have a reassuring effect on a relative newcomer such as Christian Daily, who is winning only his third cap.

Ostensibly, Belarus are weak adversaries since they lie bottom of group four. Nonetheless, the majority of the squad plays in the Russian League and three years ago Belarus were able to defeat Holland. Brown is left with the fervent wish that their record of underachievement lasts for one day longer.

BELARUS (possible 1-3-3-1-2): V Shantalosov (Lokomotiv Nizhny Novgorod) — S Shtanyuk (Dynamo Moscow) — S Gurenko (Locomotiv Moscow), A Ostrovski (Dynamo Moscow), A Dovnar (Dynamo Moscow) — S Gerasimets (Baltika Kaliningrad), A Kulchy (Dynamo Moscow), R Orlovski (Torpedo Moscow) — V Belkevich (Dynamo Kiev) — A Khlebosolov (Belshyna), V Makovski (Dynamo Minsk)

SCOTLAND (possible: 3-1-4-2): J Leighton (Hibernian) B McAllister (Wimbledon), T Boyd (Celtic), C Dailly (Derby County) — P Lambert (Borussia Dortmund) — C Burley (Chelsea), G McAllister (Coventry City), D Jackson (Hibernian), T McKinlay (Celtic) — G Durie (Rangers), K Gallacher (Blackburn Rovers)

GROUP FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	7	4	2	1	8	2	14
Austria	5	3	1	1	5	3	10
Sweden	5	3	0	2	9	5	9
Latvia	6	2	1	3	8	8	7
Belarus	5	1	1	3	3	9	4
Estonia	6	1	1	4	2	8	4

MATCHES TO COME: Tomorrow: Latvia v Austria, Estonia v Sweden Belarus v Scotland Aug 20: Estonia v Austria: Belarus v Sweden Sept 6: Austria v Sweden, Latvia v Estonia, Scotland v Belarus Sept 10: Belarus v Austria, Sweden v Latvia Oct 11: Austria v Belarus: Sweden v Estonia: Scotland v Latvia

GOLF: AN AMATEUR SET TO JOIN PAID RANKS WHILE A PROFESSIONAL SHOWS HOW TO SCORE

Two-into-one is a winner for Scot

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

CRAIG WATSON, the Scotland international from East Renfrewshire, will play Trevor Immelman, of South Africa, in the final of the Amateur Championship at Royal St George's, Sandwich, today, a final that will be noteworthy for at least two reasons. The first is that Immelman, assured at 17, will have a chance of becoming the youngest winner of this event.

The second is that Watson, who is 31, uses a long-handled putter, actually two golf shafts welded together, and, though golfing historians could not be absolutely certain of this last night, it is thought that he is the first man to wield such an implement in the final of this event.

Watson is tall and thin, quiet and laconic. He dishes out words as if they were £1 coins. It has been quite a week for a man who three-putted the last green at St George's in a qualifying round on Tuesday and had to wait until eight o'clock before he learnt that he had qualified. He said that he had played absolute rubbish against James Clive in the quarter-finals, but then he outlasted Colin Edwards in a semi-final in which few holes were halved.

Edwards, who was in the squad for the 1995 Walker Cup but is not in the squad for the event this year, has been making a concerted effort to get back into the England team. Edwards took the lead on the 14th, when Watson hit successive drives out of bounds, lost it to a deft stroke on the next and then cooked his own goose by driving into a bunker on the 17th.

For a long time, it looked as though the battle of the teeny boppers would go not to Immelman, from Cape Town, but to Griffiths, who looks about 12 and as though his shaving days are still well in the future. Griffiths, a boy international, has won nothing in senior events and his best as a junior was to finish third in the McEvoy Trophy last year.

If this suggests that he might have been outclassed or overawed yesterday afternoon, you would not have known it from his demeanour. Though he walked with his head down and seemed disconcerted at the way that a television camera was quite often pointed at him from a range of only a few feet as he walked, he sped into a two-hole lead after six holes. He was three up on the 10th tee.

Immelman, however, is a tough nut as the South African Amateur and junior Amateur champion. He has won six events this year and is determined to turn professional in October 1999. He won the 11th to get back to two down, won the 15th with a bogey and the 16th and 17th with pars. Griffiths did rather crumble.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: C Edwards (Bath) bt B Howard (Cochrane Castle) 1 hole; T Immelman (SA) bt S Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3; C Watson (East Renfrewshire) bt J Clive (Glenbervie) at 19th; D Griffiths (West Herts) bt B Mason (Sand Moor) 1 hole
Semi-finals: Watson bt Edwards 1 hole; Immelman bt Griffiths 1 hole

Only one tactical blemish in Montgomerie's round

BY MEL WEBB

THE weekend cometh, and so, with stunning inevitability, does Colin Montgomerie. He said before the Compaq European Grand Prix started on Thursday that he thought 16 under par would take some beating. But for one tactical error, that is exactly where he would stand going into the last 36 holes.

The quality of Montgomerie's golf at Slaley Hall in the past two days has not been entirely reflected in his scores. He had a 68 yesterday, which, when added to the 69 he returned on Thursday, leaves him on seven under par, a shot ahead of Barry Lane and Retief Goosen, the defending champion. It might have been nine or even ten under; it should certainly have been eight.

Montgomerie's sole mistake was one of strategy rather than technique. On the par-four 13th, where a lake forbids the use of the driver if a drowned golf ball and soggy feet are to be avoided, he hit a two-iron lay-up shot off the tee — dead right. He then went into the green with a six-iron — dead wrong.

He had 160 yards to the pin, uphill and into the wind. Montgomerie played a stroke that was, if anything, too perfect and, although arrow-straight, the ball cleared the pin by 15 yards and finished up a bank at the back of the green. For the second time in five minutes, he then hit the ball too well again, somehow got it to check when it needed to release and roll up to the pin, and found himself ten feet short. Two putts later it was in the hole for a bogey five.

Caddies and their masters have a small and endearing habit when discussing rounds and shots within them. In caddie-speak, if it goes right, "We" hit the ball. If it does not, "he" got it wrong. In the argot of the player, "I" hit good shots, "we" strike bad ones.

There was, therefore, no mistaking to whom the blame was being apportioned when Montgomerie said: "We took the wrong club." Somebody wondered if there was a debate between Montgomerie and Alastair McLean, his caddie, about club selection. "Not before I hit it," Montgomerie said. "There certainly was afterwards." To be fair to him, he did say it all with a smile on his face; he knows full well that the faithful McLean gets it right far more often than he gets it wrong.

The six-iron that should have been a seven led to Montgomerie's only bogey of the tournament thus far. Indeed, it is the first shot he has dropped since he had a double-bogey six in the third round of the Volvo PGA Championship two weeks ago — a total of 52 holes.

With a touch more luck, it might have been a couple of shots better on a day when a stiffening wind increased the trickiness of Slaley Hall's 7,053 yards. Montgomerie reckoned it was at least a shot more difficult. It was typical of him that he went and improved by a shot. Some people are just born awkward.

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RAOUL DIXON

Montgomerie concentrates on a putt at Slaley Hall

HOCKEY

Brown caps a world record

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN BERLIN

KAREN BROWN has always shunned publicity, but she will have no option at the Champions Trophy here today, when she becomes the world's most capped women's player.

Capped 113 times by England since her debut in 1984, her 145th appearance for Great Britain, against the United States, will take her past the 257 internationals played by Alison Ramsay, the Scotland midfield player, a team-mate of Brown's at the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Games.

Ramsay, a partner in a firm of Perth solicitors, said that she was pleased for Brown, describing her vision and skills as "outstanding".

"She can blow hot and cold, but her greatest attribute is as a match winner," Ramsay said. "She can provide a moment other mortals are incapable of. We marked each other in one of her first internationals and we actually talked to each other during the game, which is unheard of now. We've kept in touch and remained good friends."

Brown, 34, a member of the Slough team that has won five Premiership titles and several European indoor and outdoor silver medals, has played in three Olympics and three World Cups, winning a 1991 European championship gold medal in 1991 and Olympic bronze the next year. She has also won 36 England indoor caps. Respected and feared around the world, she has scored 67 international goals.

Brown admits that nothing would please her more than helping Great Britain to beat the United States and end the tournament on a winning streak.

Brown: a match winner

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CRICKET

First Cornhill Insurance Test match
11.0, third day of five, 90 overs minimum
EDGBASTON: England v Australia

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, final day of four, 104 overs minimum
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Hampshire
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Sussex
TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v Warwickshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Leicestershire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Essex
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Gloucestershire

University match
11.30, final day of three
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Glamorgan

RUGBY LEAGUE

Super League world club championship
Pool B
North Queensland v Leeds (10.30am)

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE: Birmingham v Worcester Royals; Cambridge Eagles v North London; Ipswich Rhinos v W. London; Oxford Cavaliers v Kingston.

RUGBY UNION

International match
Argentina v England
(at FCO Ground, Buenos Aires, 7.30)

Tour match
Northern Transvaal v British Isles XV
(at Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria, 2.15)

FOOTBALL

Tournoi de France
France v England
(in Montpellier, 7.45)

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Northern Ireland v Wales (at Chimney Corner FC, Belfast, 6.0)

European under-21 championship
Qualifying group four
Belarus v Scotland
(in Minsk, 11.0am)

UNDER-15 INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England v Germany (at Wembley, 3.0).

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: European junior championships: Semi-finals (at National Indoor Arena, Birmingham)

CYCLING: National motor-paced championship (Herne Hill, 1.0)

GOLF: Slaley Hall Grand Prix of Europe (at Slaley Hall, Hexham); British Amateur Championship (at Royal St George's, Sandwich). Jersey Seniors Open (at La Moye)

MOTORCYCLING: TT races (Isle of Man).

MOTOR RALLYING: Scottish Rally

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Swindon v Bradford (7.30). Premier League: Berwick v Newport (6.30). Premier League Cup: Stoke v Glasgow (7.30). Amateur League: Berwick v Reading and Swindon (8.0); Mildenhall v Peterborough (7.30)

TENNIS: Surrey international championships (in Surbiton)

Tomorrow

CRICKET

First Cornhill Insurance Test match
11.0, fourth day of five, 90 overs minimum
EDGBASTON: England v Australia

Axa Life League
2.0, 40 overs
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Hampshire
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Sussex
TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v Warwickshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Leicestershire
MILTON KEYNES (Campbell Park), Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Lancashire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Essex
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Gloucestershire

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Dunstable: Bedfordshire v Suffolk. Neston: Cheshire v Wiltshire. Dean Park, Bournemouth: Dorset v Wales. Bourne: Lincolnshire v Buckinghamshire. Jesmond: Northumberland v Norfolk. Challow and Childrey: Oxfordshire v Shropshire

RUGBY LEAGUE

Super League world club championship
Pool A
Canberra v Halifax (5.30)
Warrington v Cronulla (6.35)

Pool B
Adelaide v Salford (5.30)
Castleford v Perth (3.30)
Paris v Hunter (2.0)

First division
Hull KR v Hull (3.0)
Swinton v Widnes (3.0)
Wakefield v Featherstone (3.30)
Whitehaven v Workington (3.30)

Second division
Barrow v Carlisle (3.0)
Hunslet v Bramley (3.30)
Leigh v Rochdale (3.0)
York v Batley (3.0)

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE: Leicester v Bedford Swifts

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE (WLAF): Scottish Claymores v London Monarchs (Murrayfield, 3.0)

FOOTBALL

World Cup
European qualifying group four
Belarus v Scotland
(in Minsk, 3.0)

Tournoi de France
Brazil v Italy
(in Lyons, 7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: European junior championships: Finals (at National Indoor Arena, Birmingham)
CYCLING: BP Chemicals five valleys 111-miles road race (Port Talbot, 10.30am) Women's national 25-miles championship (Milton, Cambridgeshire, 7am).
GOLF: Slaley Hall Grand Prix of Europe (at Slaley Hall, Hexham); Jersey Seniors Open (at La Moye)
SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Eastbourne v Swindon (3.30). Gary Havelock testimonial: at Bradford (3.0). Premier League: Newcastle v Reading (6.30); Newport v Oxford (4.30), Skegness v Long Eaton (6.30). Premier League Cup: Glasgow v Edinburgh (6.30). Amateur League: Buxton v Mildenhall (3.0); Lathallan v Reading and Swindon (2.30)

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Kuerten makes unexpected call in Paris final

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Shearer looking to lift England with power on recall

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Dashing double century helps England to build huge lead in one-sided first Test

Hussain prolongs Australia's agony

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

EDGBASTON (second day of five): England, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 331 runs ahead of Australia

THEY say that the novelty always wears off, but there was no sign of it yesterday. The nation, especially that portion of it inside Edgbaston, was growing quite accustomed to its role of gloating triumphalism: indeed, quite greedy for more, as the Ashes series continued to boggle the mind.

Day two brought a double century from Nasser Hussain and an England total of 449 for six. Mere routine, of course, for a team that can suddenly do no wrong. The opposite can be said of Australia, whose cricket grew more hapless and demeanour more put-upon as this surreal first Cornhill Test proceeded on its utterly one-sided course.

Hussain, perhaps the most vulnerable of the England top six when the game began, secured his spot for the summer with the innings that his disrupted Test career has long promised but never previously delivered. He became only the seventh Englishman to score 200 against Australia and did so in a befittingly lordly manner. Some of his driving stood comparison with the finest of any generation.

TODAY IN THE MAGAZINE

John Woodcock's guide to his top 100 cricketers

His partnership with Graham Thorpe, launched on the shifting sands of 50 for three, realised 288 at a run a minute, including 135 in the two-hour session before lunch yesterday. It was a record for the England fourth wicket against Australia and reduced the Australia attack to bedraggled poverty.

Australia were weakened by the hamstring injury to Jason Gillespie, who is unlikely to bowl again in the game. They also had one of those days when edges did not go to hand and decisions did not go their way, but England will have wasted no sympathy. Too often, in recent times, this familiar fate of the downtrodden has been their lot.

Even the loss of the last 80 minutes to the long-threatened rain did little to hamper England's prospects. Their lead is already immense and the game still has three days to run. Australia require batting of heroic resolution, or rain of demonic persistence, to avoid falling behind for the first time in five Ashes series.

Hussain, whose 207 was the highest score of his first-class career, hits one of his 37 boundaries off a dispirited Australia attack yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Defeat inside three days is conceivable, for in adversity they have looked a dispirited bunch. There is also the pitch to consider, which may seem a strange statement considering the England total. These, however, are not the sublime batting conditions that might be imagined, and enough balls bounced irregularly yesterday to give the England bowlers encouragement.

The magic necessary to stem the flow of this game was beyond even Shane Warne. Only fools and innocents will write him off, even temporarily, but the force was not with him. He turned the ball, sometimes expansively, but the twin pillars of his bowling — the ability to control and confuse — were absent.

Warne is nothing if not confident, but, like every great sportsman, he subjects himself to self-analysis and there will have been justified anxiety in his mind yesterday. He failed to take a wicket in his previous Test, in Pretoria in March, and by the time that he finally snared Hussain, he had bowled 65 fruitless overs, the longest barren spell of his remarkable career.

The problem with all this, of course, is that there seems to be hardly a cloud on England's horizon, the kind of serenity that often precedes a storm. The country is being swept along on a tide of sporting euphoria, well and good in its way but out of proportion to what has yet been achieved. The one thing that can be said with certainty so far is that Australia are fallible.

They began the second day with the bookmakers quoting 8-1 against them winning the game. By lunchtime, they were 100-1. It might have been different. Glenn McGrath used the heavy atmosphere well, bowled a fuller length and could well have won a leg-before shout when Hussain played no stroke to an inswinger in the fourth over of the day.

On such moments, matches turn and reputations are made. Steve Bucknor, the umpire, was unmoved and Hussain, then 82, scarcely made another misjudgment. He reached his century in 253 minutes and went on to 200 in only another 171. By then, he had struck 37 fours, many of them driven but some of the most memorable pulled or cut with uninhibited power.

Thorpe, a social soulmate for years, beat Hussain to 100 by four overs, though he was an hour quicker in time at the crease. It was Thorpe's fifth Test century and, having made only two in his first 34 Tests, it was his third in four games. The Australians have come to respect him and, now, they seemed to have no clue where to bowl at him.

The England fourth-wicket record of 223 against Australia, set by Wally Hammond and Eddie Paynter in 1938, fell within the first hour of play and, as lunchtime approached, England were assuming a position that they have not enjoyed against this opposition for many years.

McGrath is a grumpy soul in such situations and he had a scowl and snarl now. He did, however, make the eventual breach as Thorpe attempted a pull too audacious even for these circumstances and looped a catch to mid-wicket. He had batted less than five hours and made his highest score for England.

EDGBASTON SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 118 (A R Caddick 5 for 50).

ENGLAND: First Innings

M A Butcher c Healy b Kasprowicz (16min, 13 balls, 2 fours)	8
*M A Atherton c Healy b McGrath (10min, 4 balls)	2
†A J Stewart c Elliott b Gillespie (51min, 33 balls, 3 fours)	18
N Hussain c Healy b Warne (440min, 337 balls, 38 fours)	207
G P Thorpe c Bevan b McGrath (294min, 245 balls, 19 fours)	138
J P Crawley c Healy b Kasprowicz (19min, 14 balls)	1
M A Ealham not out (134min, 107 balls, 4 fours)	32
R D B Croft not out (54min, 37 balls, 3 fours)	18
Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 1, nb 13)	25
Total (6 wkts, 129.1 overs, 512min)	449

D Gough, A R Caddick and D E Malcolm to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8 (Butcher 4), 2-16 (Stewart 4), 3-50 (Hussain 18), 4-338 (Hussain 158), 5-345 (Hussain 164), 6-416 (Ealham 19).

BOWLING: McGrath 32-8-107-2 (nb 6, 15 fours; 5-2-14-1, 2-0-13-0, 7-1-30-0, 7-2-20-0, 7-2-24-1, 4-1-6-0). Kasprowicz 34.1-7-94-2 (nb 5, w 1; 13 fours; 7-0-24-1, 4-1-12-0, 4-2-2-0, 14-4-37-1, 5.1-0-19-0); Gillespie 10-1-48-1 (nb 1, 8 fours; 5-1-22-1, 5-0-26-0). Warne 35-8-110-1 (nb 1; 17 fours; 3-1-12-0, 15-2-55-0, 6-2-14-0, 11-3-29-1); Bevan 6-0-34-0 (7 fours; 2-0-10-0, 3-0-20-0, 1-0-4-0); S R Waugh 12-2-45-0 (nb 2, 9 fours; 1-1-0-0, 7-1-30-0, 4-0-15-0)

SCORING NOTES: Second day: Lunch: 335-3 (89 overs, 351min; Hussain 158, Thorpe 135). Tea: 418-6 (119 overs, 471min; Ealham 20, Croft 1).

Umpires: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and P Willey. Third umpire: J W Holder. Match referee: R S Madugalle (Sri Lanka)

☐ *Compiled by Bill Frindall*

Hussain was to go on to the best score of his first-class career, but he lost John Crawley along the way, caught behind as he drove at Kasprowicz and walking to save Bucknor the decision. Amid such rich statistics, Crawley offered only a melancholy one: he has now made just one run in his past three Ashes innings.

Warne was finding Hussain impossible to contain as he rushed to 200 with three fours in an over — two sumptuous on-drives and a fiercely struck late cut, acclaimed by the latest of many standing ovations.

On the committee balcony, John Major beamed and applauded vigorously. Next to him, for some time, had sat Bob Bennett. Doubtless, Bennett, the chairman of the England management committee, had been passing on some advice on transforming a losing team.

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Five nations' games switched to Sunday

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

THE lifelong habits of British rugby union supporters, disturbed last season when club matches on Sundays became comparatively commonplace, will undergo even further disruption next season. The committee of the five nations has confirmed that, for the first time, two matches will be played on a Sunday, including the oldest international fixture in the world, between England and Scotland for the Calcutta Cup.

That match, at Murrayfield, will be played on March 22, the day after Ireland meet Wales. The other Sunday game, on April 5, will be between Wales and France at Wembley, after the Saturday clash between England and Ireland at Twickenham. Some kick-off times will also be staggered as television interests begin to bite.

This will have a considerable impact on travelling supporters, whose weekend will extend into Mondays, though television viewers, both terrestrial and satellite, will be pleased. "We believe that playing some of the matches on Sundays will be an exciting new concept that will enhance the tournament," Roger Pickering, the chief executive of the five nations' committee, said yesterday. "We feel the time is right to change the format of the championship that has been in place since 1974."

REVISED 1998 FIVE NATIONS' SCHEDULE: February 7: France v England (kick-off time to be confirmed). Ireland v Scotland (3.0). February 21: Scotland v France (3.0). England v Wales (tbc). March 7: Wales v Scotland (3.45). France v Ireland (tbc). March 21: Ireland v Wales (3.0). March 22: Scotland v England (3.0). April 4: England v Ireland (tbc). April 5: Wales v France (3.0)

Entrepreneur's stock can rise to all-time high

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

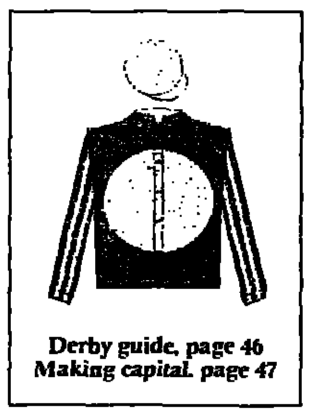
ACCORDING to the literary form book, it was Samuel Butler who penned a mock heroic poem in 1663 that included the immortal line: "He n'er consider'd it as loth, to look a gift-horse in the mouth." Almost 3½ centuries later, the same holds good and only the foolish and the fickle will look beyond Entrepreneur in the Vodafone Derby at Epsom today.

Entrepreneur, the long-time favourite for the world's most prestigious Flat race, can win and, just as important, win in the style of a true great. If that sounds like hyperbole, fear not. From the moment that the auctioneer's gavel made contact with his block at Tattersalls Houghton Yearling Sales in the autumn of 1995 and the Sadler's Wells colt was sold for a sales-topping sum of 600,000 guineas, expectation has followed his every move. To date, this strong, well-balanced colt has answered virtually every call.

As a director of Cheveley Park Stud, the breeders of *Entrepreneur*, Michael Stoute, the trainer, was one of the first to spot the classic potential of the "outstanding individual" and he made it his business to attract the equine athlete into his care. The early promise was there from the moment that he did his first piece of strong work on the Newmarket gallops and it did not take long for the colt's reputation to spread.

After a minor setback on his racecourse debut, when he was drawn next to — and distracted by — a filly who was in season, Entrepreneur has blossomed. He won his two other starts as a juvenile and went into the winter sharing favouritism for the Derby.

However, it was his work this spring that really set the pulse racing and an entry for the 2,000 Guineas followed. At the time, the only doubt was whether Entrepreneur's middle-distance pedigree would enable him to have the necessary speed for the Rowley mile at Newmarket.



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The answer was emphatic. The form that he displayed when beating Revoque, Poteen and Starborough was exceptional and marks him out as a tip-top performer. Ironically, the only question remaining is whether he possesses the necessary stamina for Epsom. Most of the indications are positive. Although there is plenty of speed on the dam's side of his pedigree, Entrepreneur's full brother and sister both showed form at 12 furlongs or more.

EXPERTS' VIEW

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So, as Entrepreneur attempts to become the first odds-on favourite to oblige since Shergar, in 1981, and the first horse since Nashwan, in 1989, to complete a 2,000 Guineas-Derby double, the chinks in his armour are difficult to locate. He possesses the best form by far, a classy pedigree, an outstanding trainer and a world-class jockey in Michael Kinane.

What of his rivals? Benny The Dip, the winner of the Royal Lodge and Dante Stakes, boasts the best form after the favourite, but his pedigree suggests that he is far from certain to see out a truly-run 1½ miles.

Silver Patriarch, the winner of the Lingfield Derby Trial, has been pleasing John Dunlop on the Arundel gallops and, while he is sure to appreciate the distance, he may just lack the class and speed to win in this company.

The trio of horses that appeal most at each-way odds are headed by Cloudings, trained by André Fabre. His hard-fought victory in the group one Prix Lupin looked nothing special at the time, but, when the fourth-placed Astarabad finished third in the French Derby last Sunday, which was won by Peintre Celebre, his stablemate, the form took on a solid look.

Fahris impressed when winning the Feilden Stakes at Newmarket and has been delighting Ben Hanbury in recent workouts. Fahris, The son of Generous, the winner of the 1991 Derby, is lightly raced and open to improvement, despite an interrupted preparation because of a sinus operation. Finally, The Fly is taking a huge jump in class, having won a handicap at York on his previous run, but he is progressive, bred to stay and could sneak a place.

Nothing, though, can detract from the favourite. Now and again, racing is blessed with a true champion, such as Sea Bird, Mill Reef, Shergar or Nijinsky. By teatime, I hope Entrepreneur will have added his name to the list.

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Why backpack your way around the world? Twenty-two-year-old **Tom Griffiths** has all the answers

SIMON LEE

Gap year gadabouts

So why take a gap year? More specifically, why take a gap year — between school and university, or university and work — and spend it travelling? I've heard the clichés a thousand times — you're only young once, the world is your oyster, travel broadens the mind, you only have one life — from those who have done it, and those who regret never taking the chance. In the end, there's only one response: well, why not?

In 1993, when I was 18, I went round the world with my school friend Tony. Los Angeles, Hawaii, Fiji, Australia, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand, then back to Blighty and a place at Manchester University to read Economics. I went because Australia sounded alluring, and because I felt, at just turned 18, too young to start university. I also wanted to break out of the routine of studying and do something with my life. It was a fantastic trip. The furthest I had been before was Portugal, on a family holiday when I was 15.

I was hooked. Russia was next. I met a Russian girlfriend at university and spent a month over Christmas at Perm. It was a real eye-opener and afforded a chilling first-hand view of the fall of communism. The following summer I decided to tackle Canada, having met some great Canadians on my round the world trip. Canadians, incidentally, rate with the Fijians as among the friendliest people on earth.

I flew into Vancouver and out of Toronto. Having little money, I challenged myself to hitch-hike solo across Canada. Clocking up just over 5,000 miles, I forgot all about my problems — relationships, exams, the usual stuff — and came back refreshed. The experience spurred me on to get a decent degree, and to write my book and get it published. I left university last year with a 2:1, and my book, *Before You Go*, a guide to everything the backpacker needs to know before they embark — tickets, insurance, safety, cash, solo and female travel — is about to go on sale. I have the self-belief and the self-confidence that I can do anything and succeed at whatever I do. It may sound arrogant, but this is what travel has done for me.

About 200,000 British youngsters take a gap year. Some of them work, but many, as I did, simply take the opportunity to explore the world. In 1996, British Airways and the student travel specialists STA Travel surveyed 10,000 students and asked them what they would do if they were given £2,000 to spend. Sixty per cent said that they would go travelling. Cash presents from devoted grandparents for 18th and 21st birthdays have never gone so far.

But don't students ever worry about poverty and loans, and graduate unemployment? Thinking about these things can wait, seems to be the answer. Are we carefree or careless? No wonder so many of us are accused of running away from reality. Perhaps we are frightened of commitment. But all we are doing is postponing it for a while, because we can, and because it has become acceptable to do so. I am not naïve enough to think that I can escape the rat race for ever. Some day I would like to settle down to a job, mortgage, wife, kids and a dog called Gerald. Meanwhile, as a result of my book, I have been offered the chance to present a TV series. And for the record, I slogged my guts out in McDonald's in Ipswich for seven months to pay for my trip to Australia. Before I went to Canada I had three jobs — two in a bar and one servicing trucks.

The concept of a gap year may have its roots in the 18th-century Grand Tour once undertaken by the young, rich and/or noble, but it is the offspring of the middle classes who have turned it into such a phenomenon. Possibly it has been encouraged by the free spirits of the 1960s, once responsible for opening up the hippy trails of India and Morocco, now middle-aged with children of their own. It is tempting to think that they suddenly get hit by nostalgia one morning over their cornflakes, and with the strains of *Sergeant Pepper* in their ears, urge their teenagers to leave the nest and go. Funny how the kids decline the invitation to

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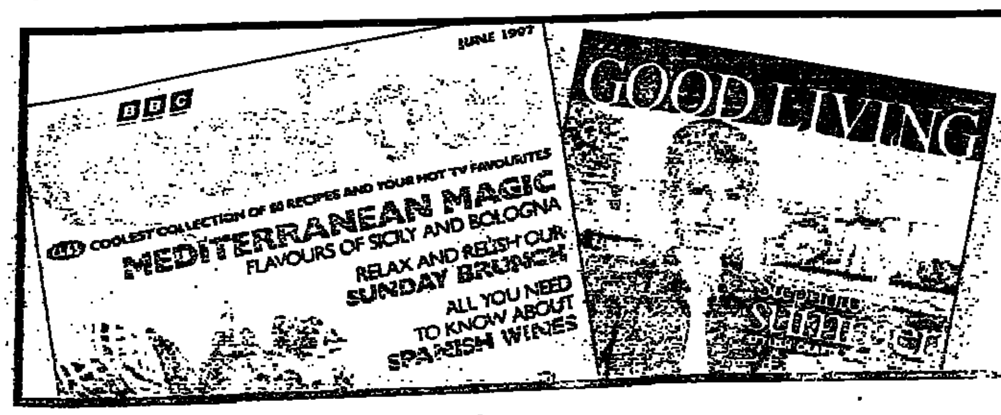

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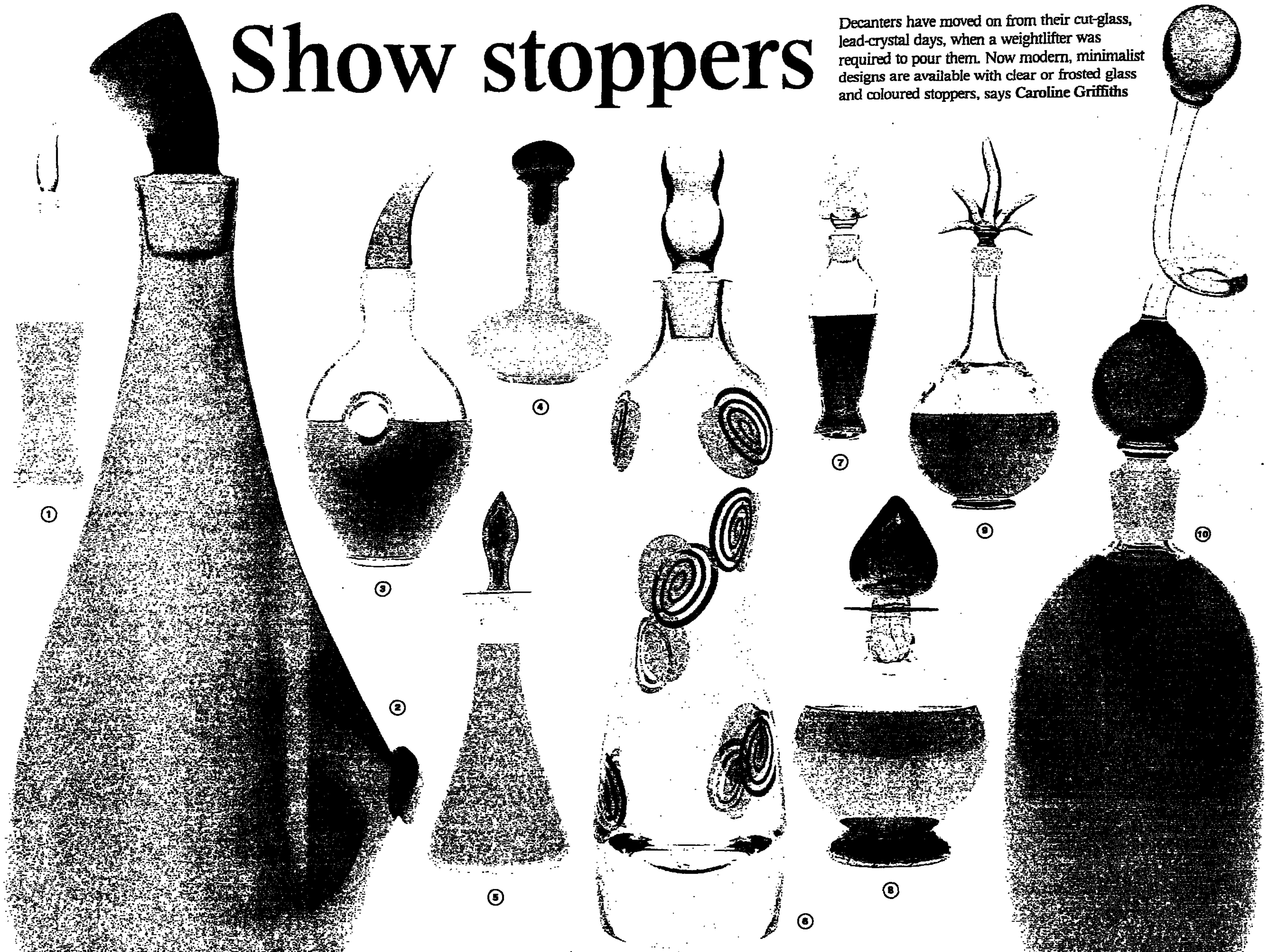
Show stoppers

Decanters have moved on from their cut-glass, lead-crystal days, when a weightlifter was required to pour them. Now modern, minimalist designs are available with clear or frosted glass and coloured stoppers, says **Caroline Griffiths**



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'The attitude is, if you're not travelling, why not?'

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to borrow those faded yellow psychedelic flares, electing instead for a pair of Levis and a selection of T-shirts from Next.

It wasn't like that for me. I had a lot of opposition from my father, a dentist. He would have preferred me to go straight to university, get a degree, and then get a job. "I don't think that a year off is suitable for every pre-student," he says now. "However, I have supported two of you [my brother Matthew, 29, works in the City] and it certainly produces a self-reliant individual. But I do wonder whether you will ever stop travelling."

My mother was more enthusiastic. "I thought it was great that you were going off," she says. "However, I was worried that you were a bit too young at 18. You came back a lot more mature, and I knew that you would be able to settle down to university life. I never really had the chance, so I'm glad that you took yours."

"Travel has become more accepted, a part of the youth culture," says Dawn Howell, the promotions co-ordinator at STA Travel. "Everyone else is doing it, so the attitude is, if you're not, why not? Furthermore, travel has never been so easy and cheap, with more places open to tourists than ever. Also, the gap year has now been recognised by employers and universities to the point that in the past five years the concept has exploded."

Ten years ago STA Travel sold 50,000 flights a year; they now sell more than 450,000. Among the early popular destinations were New York, Sydney and Bangkok. These places still rate in the top five of STA Travel's bestsellers, but young travellers are going ever further every year to satisfy their wanderlust. "The South Island of New Zealand for all the adrenaline sports you can do there is popular this year," Ms Howell says. "And Guatamala, Zanzibar, and even Alaska, are becoming more and more popular."

The boom has occurred because of a combination of peer-group pressure, changing social attitudes and economic forces. The growth of the service sector and the subsequent proliferation of "McJobs", may not have created satisfying long-term careers, but it has given students the opportunity to work hard in the holidays and save even harder. And when it comes to donning those nylon overalls and beaming "Have a nice day", or "Enjoy your meal" there's nothing like the incentive of six months' freedom to wander the world.

Tom Griffiths goes bungee-jumping in Cairns, Australia

Companies such as STA, Campus and Trailfinders have cashed in. Knowing that they had countless young people with money to spend, they could negotiate with the airlines who, in turn, started to offer attractive tickets with the possibility of free stops in "paradise", such as the islands of Hawaii, Fiji and Tahiti on the way back from Australia.

It is now easier and cheaper to travel than ever before. About £700 will buy a student six-month ticket that will take you from London to Calcutta, Singapore, Bangkok, Perth, Sydney, Auckland, Fiji, Tahiti, Los Angeles and home again. Or, if you have £900, perhaps you would prefer Bombay, Kathmandu, Singapore, Perth, Sydney, Auckland, Rarotonga, Hawaii, Los Angeles, and New York.

Universities appear to be in favour of students taking a year out before starting their courses. The number of deferred entries on accepted university places is increasing, having risen from 5.4 per cent (14,530) in 1994, to 6.7 per cent (19,537) in 1996. This trend is expected to continue, and these figures do not include prospective students who delay their applications, go away and apply when they return.

"Most universities encourage and accept deferred entries, believing students to be more mature and ready to settle down to university life," says Jeff Endeby, the executive assistant to the chief executive at UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). "However, in some subjects, like maths, it may be discouraged as tutors do like their 'meat to be fresh'."

He advises checking with your preferred universities before applying (so as not to waste a choice), and ensuring that you sell yourself in the "personal statement" on the UCAS form. "Be constructive, state your plans, and think about what you really want to get out of your time away."

So, you get to university, have a cracking three years and then what? If you opted for a year off beforehand, perhaps you want to go straight into the world of work. If you didn't, then maybe the idea of a break before embarking on your glittering career is too attractive to resist. Whatever, there is no escaping the fact that, eventually, those of us without independent means will have to get a job.

Competition for graduate jobs is enormous. Employers can pick and choose. I've been through the motions. Some of the marketing jobs I have applied for, at companies such as Unilever and Proctor and Gamble, have had 3,000 applicants. On CVs, everyone "reads" ... "plays sport", and we are all "ambitious" and "determined".

I think that a sustained period of independent travel abroad demonstrates character, confidence, decision-making under pressure, budgeting, leadership and teamwork skills. Tons of "get up and go" to put on the CV, in other words.

"At the end of the day it's what the young person gets out of the gap year that is important," says Margaret Murray, the head of the CBI Learning and Skills Group. "The outcome is up to them. To employers it can show self-confidence, enthusiasm, and bags of initiative. Travel is therefore encouraged. If, as a result of it all you can answer the question 'How has it benefited you in a way that benefits us as well?', then we would be interested in interviewing you." This should be some comfort to the parents who are facing the prospect of their son or daughter catching the plane to Bombay.

There are those who believe that the popularity of travelling in the gap year is breeding a nation of itinerant young people who will never settle anywhere for long. But look at it like this: the world is becoming a smaller place every year. To succeed in the global village of the 21st century, appreciation of other cultures and countries will be vital.

Take my cousin Helena, for example. She is 28 and a product manager for Lancôme in London. She started travelling when she was 19 and has explored every continent several times; even been down the Amazon. At 22 she took a job working for Unilever in the Philippines, and still takes every possible opportunity to travel. It is significant that her travels have not only provided her with some fantastic experiences, they have informed her attitude towards her work.

"Marketing is all about being aware of the differences between local markets, which I see every time I go abroad," she says, "and in my job, it is important to cater for the tastes of the local market while at the same time managing an international brand."

Then there is Tony, the guy I went round the world with at 18. At 23 he has set up his own company, Molly Malones Catering in Ipswich. A backpacker at 18, a director at 23. Not bad, and as he puts it: "Travel inspired me to get on with my life, to live it to the full and to have a bit of confidence. You will certainly find more out there in the world than you will ever find here on your doorstep in the UK."

I can only agree.

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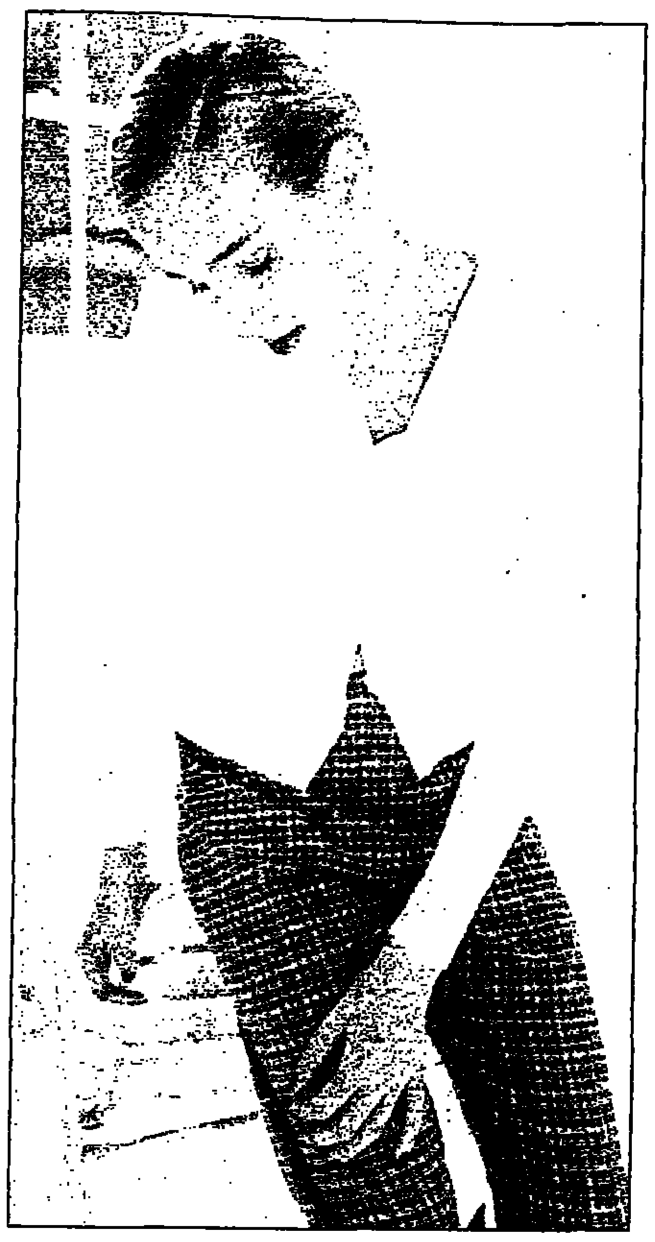
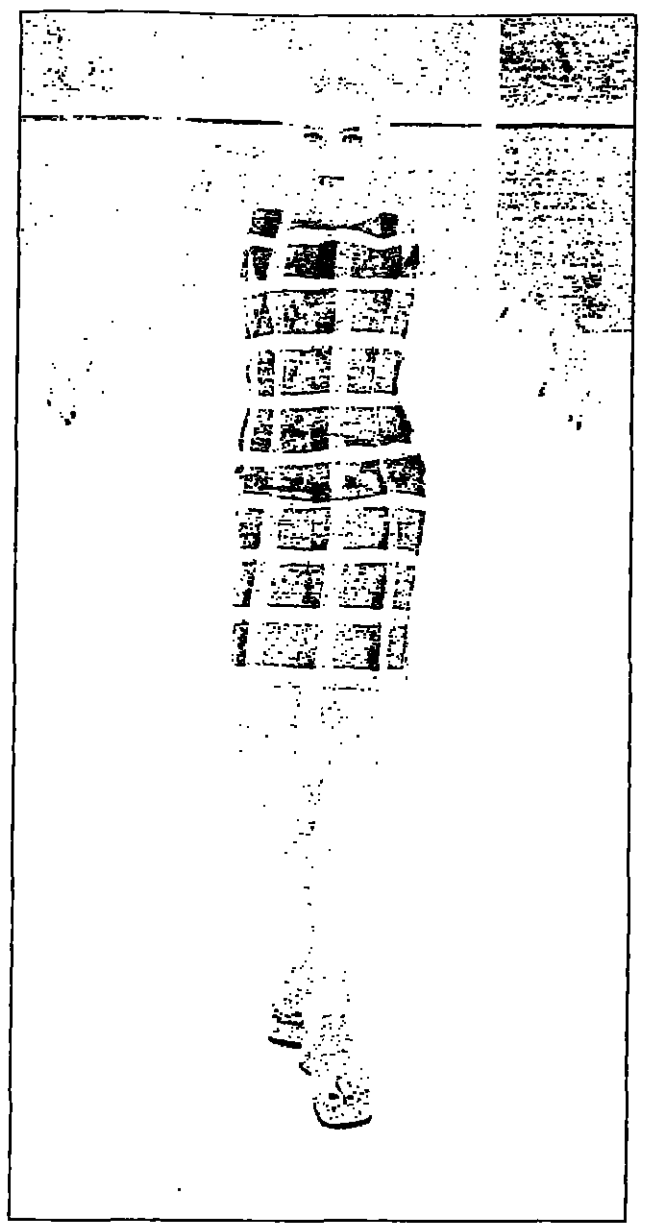
Adventurous checks, tartans and plaids from the days of the Raj are back for summer, says **Heath Brown**

Go for the hot Madras



ABOVE: White cotton cardigan, £68, Agnes B, 35-36 Floral Street, WC2, (0171-225 3608). Green check trousers, £29.95, Monsoon, branches nationwide (0171-313 3000)

LEFT: Long dress with side split, £229, Paul Costello, 156 Brompton Road, SW3 (0171-589 9484). Blue flat mules, £95.50, Russell & Bromley, 23-24 New Bond Street, W1 (0171-629 6903)



ABOVE: Lime, blue and white check shift dress, £45, Dorothy Perkins, selected branches (0171-291 2604). Lime wedges, £45, Bertie, 36 South Molton Street, London W1, and selected department stores nationwide (0171-935 2002)

LEFT: Red, blue and yellow Madras check shell top, £24.95, Monsoon, branches nationwide (0171-313 3000). Linen flat-front trousers, £62.99, Hobbs branches nationwide (0171-449 2000)

Checks, tartans and plaids have been in fashion in some form or another since the days of the Raj. At that time, bright versions of tartan were adapted to Hindu sensibilities and became known as Madras checks. Today these exotic colourways look adventurous without being garish.

Sadly, some people still associate traditional plaid with the Women's Institute or Miss Jean Brodie. Yet a simple but bright Madras summerdress will pep up your image at work, or a pair of thin cotton trousers worn with a white cotton cardigan or T-shirt looks good for play, as does a check bikini (from Morgan, Next and · River Island) peeking out from a plain colour beach-shirtdress.

A complete Madras outfit can look dramatic, with the added benefit of disguising those lumps and bumps far better than many other fabrics.

Accessories, such as small box bags or simple holdalls in Madras checks, will liven up your wardrobe for holiday or home. As for shoes, look out for vivid wooden-soled mules, cloth-strap sandals, espadrilles and flip-flops.

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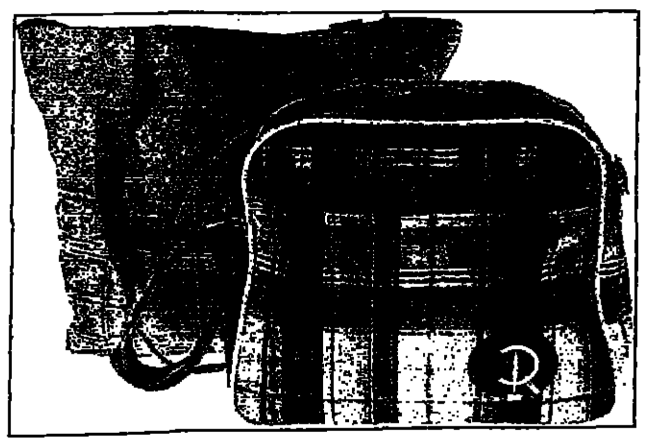

Madras check rucksack, £30, by Red or Dead (0114-273 7827). Madras check beach bag, £10, by Etam (0171-494 7732)

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Madras check platform sandal, £49, by Red or Dead (0114-273 7827

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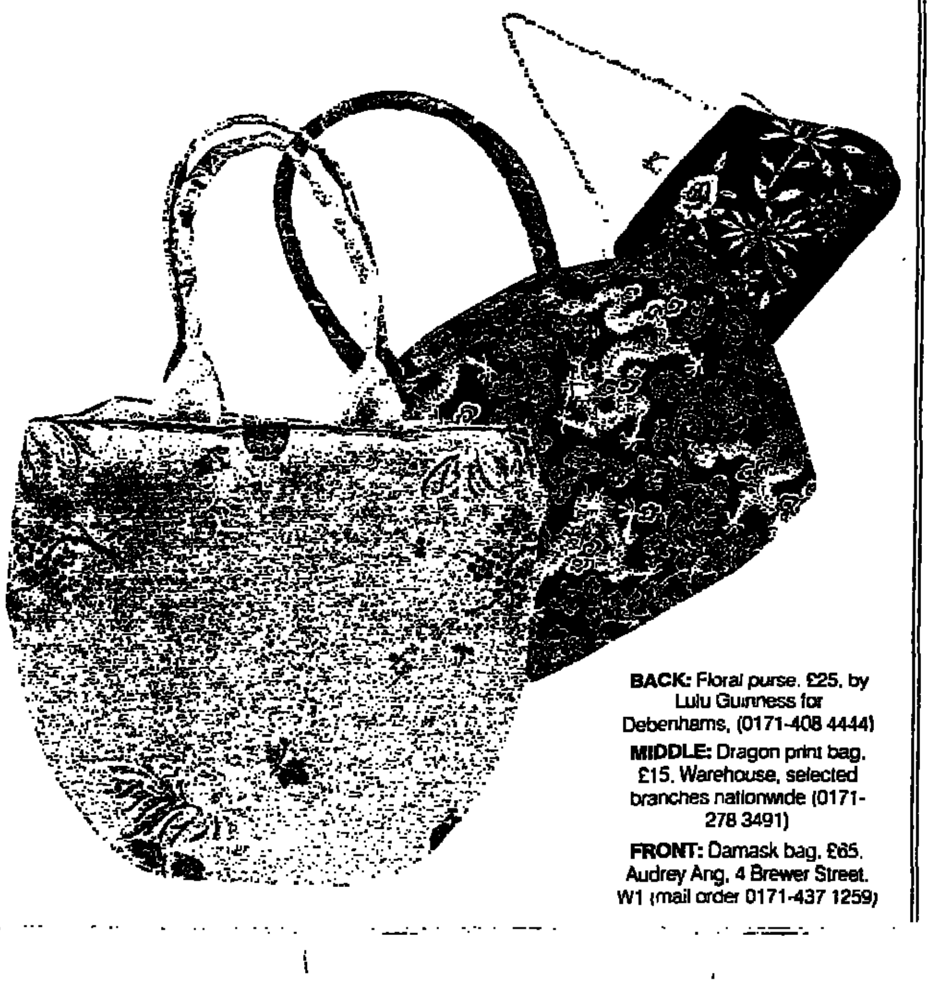

BACK: Floral purse, £25, by Lulu Guinness for Debenhams, (0171-408 4444)

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Q **How do I prune my *Hydrangea quercifolia*? It has become very leggy, and there are no low shoots to cut down to. *Flowers are not important* to me — it is the leaves I like.** — Mrs N. Manning, Uckfield, East Sussex.

A *Hydrangea quercifolia* is not at all like the big mob-cap hortensia hydrangeas. *Quercifolia* means "oak-leaved" and, indeed, it has leaves sometimes up to a foot long, with a wavy indented edge like an oak. Autumn colour can be good. Its twigs are thin and dark and rough, and it has none of the succulence of the hortensias. Nor does it have their vigorous root, and young plants often need a cane for a year or two to stop them rocking until they are established. It is hardy enough, but it needs hot summers to make it so. If necessary, it can be pruned low to force out low shoots from old wood, but it is much less willing than the hortensias. It requires the encouragement of a good nutritious mulch to help it. My preference is to thin out the spindly growths and to shorten it back and to feed it first. It is not too late to do it this year. If that fails, then cut lower next April/May, and feed and mulch again.

Q **I bury vegetable peelings, tea leaves, and coffee grounds in my tiny garden. It all seems to disappear, so I assume the worms like it. But does it do the flowers and roses any good? Could it encourage trouble?** — Mrs V. Hodges, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

A You carry on. In small quantities, it is only like putting on a bit of green manure. It will not have a spectacular effect on the quality of your garden plants, but it will keep the soil alive, which is a great benefit to them. So long as you bury small amounts and do not make pockets of rotting matter hot enough to damage roots, all will be well. In the past, of course, people used to empty the cold tea dregs on to the plants roots.

Q **My 40 year-old streamside weeping willow is sickly. Only the lower branches now weep, and we have removed a lot of dead branches. The leaves are often spotty with anthracnose disease, but it is far too large to spray. Is there any feed I can give it, or an effective spray for just the lower branches?** — *Mrs M. Romanes*, Weymouth, Dorset.

A Anthracnose is a fungal disease, a canker, which curls the leaves and sometimes causes them to drop prematurely. Trees can look a mess, but rarely die of it, even if they carry a lot of dead twigs. There is no point spraying the lower branches, because spores will fall and splash down from above all the time, and spraying a few low branches will not cure the whole tree. I suspect the tree may have more serious problems than anthracnose, so be thinking about replacement. The Peking weeping willow, *Salix babylonica* var. *pekinensis* 'Pendula' is said to be immune to anthracnose.

Q ***Last September I was* persuaded to have felled an old multi-stemmed rowan in an open corner of my garden. The stump is 24in across and close to two walls. I would like to grow something tallish there again, but what would survive? The soil is poor clay. Should I make a raised bed over the stump?** — Mrs H.E. Drew, Paignton, Devon.

A The best plan is tohave the stump removed. Failing that, you might plant a tree, or a trio of trees, to the sides of the stump. Birch would not mind the impoverished soil, nor would laburnum or one of the exotic thorns, such as *Crataegus lavallei*. How about a trio of *Aralia elata*, a gaunt, statuesque 8ft shrub with huge pinnate leaves and spiny stems? If you want something smaller, philadelphus or weigela would stand the poor soil too. So would the airy yellow Mount Etna broom, *Genista aetnensis*. Perhaps, until the stump has rotted, you could erect a tripod and grow honeysuckle on it, with the large-leaved vine, *Vitis coignetiae*.

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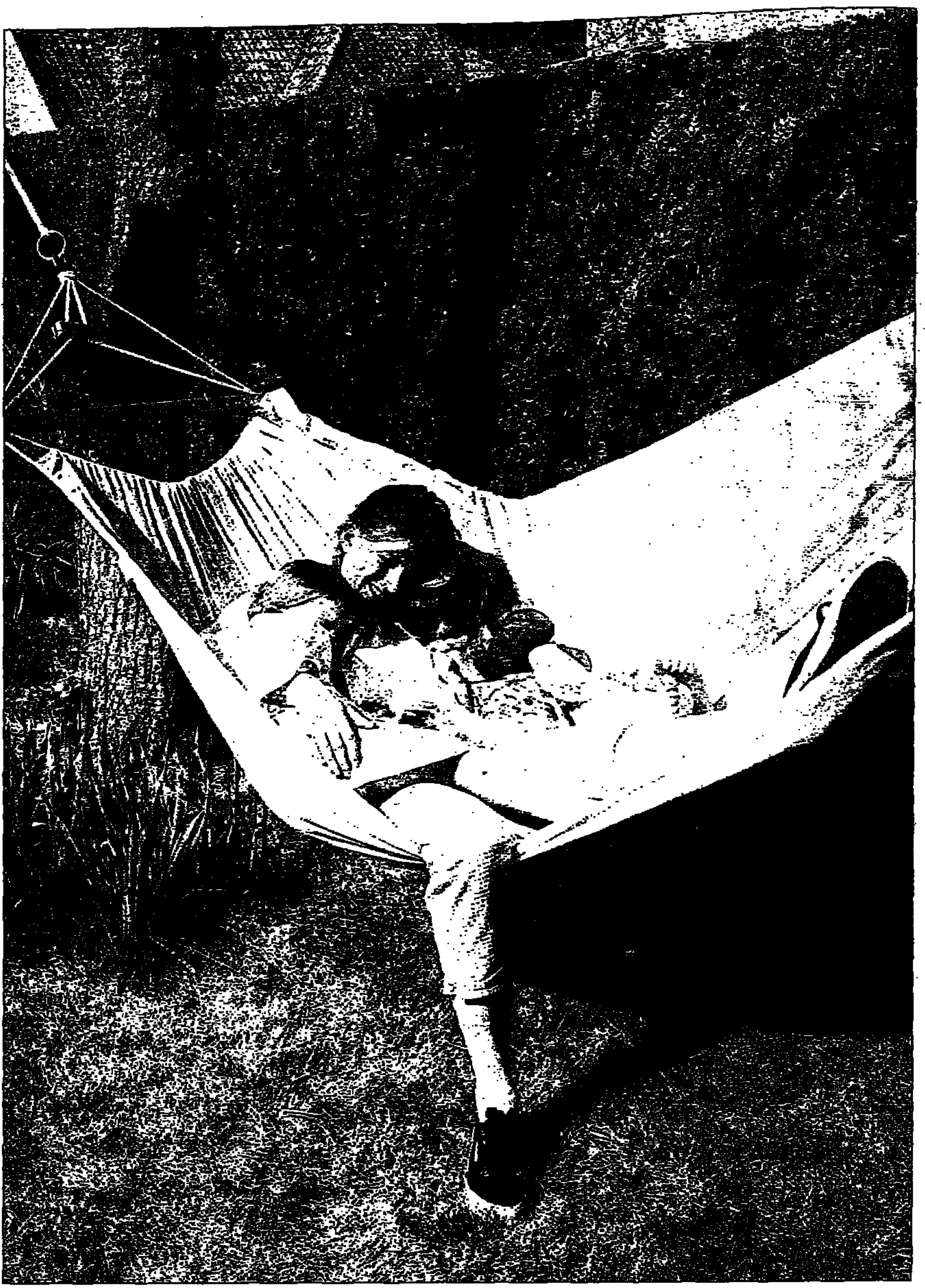
Swinging way to take life easy

GARDENER'S UPDATE

JANE OWEN

A FRIEND slung a hammock between a tree and telegraph pole. The pole fell on her while she was in the hammock and injured her. She would have done better with the Neptune Classic hammock that I assembled in five minutes. Huge corkscrews tether ropes into the ground and these are attached to simple wooden supports. The canvas hammock swings between the supports, and very comfortable it is too. The Neptune Classic costs £34.95, plus £5.95 p&p, by mail order. For more information, contact Neptune Classics, Sevington Farm Chippenham, Wiltshire SN14 7LD (01249 783252).



Two children having a swinging time testing the Neptune Classic hammock, which costs £34.95 (mail order £40.90)

Bubbly blooms

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Proceeds of the evening go to the charity Childline, which supports children and young people in trouble or danger, and to the conservation and research work of the Royal Horticultural Society. For more details of the gala evening, call 0171-630 5999.

Rosy view

LOVERS of roses can have a heady five days in Cambridge at the 7th International Heritage Rose Conference organised by the Royal National Rose Society. For £520, which includes bed and breakfast, there are three days of lectures and two tours of some of the finest rose gardens in the world, including the society's garden at St Albans, Hertfordshire. For tickets and more information, contact Bailey Carr, 13 Cinnamon Row, Plantation Wharf, London SW11 3TW (0171-924 6400).

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Floral isle

JERSEY Floral Festival runs from July 12-19 and includes walks, talks and demonstrations, led by gardening celebrities including Nigel Colborn, who often writes for *The Times* Weekend. For details of the festival call 01534 500777.

Organic days

EUROPE's largest organisation dealing with organic gardening, the Henry Doubleday Association, is opening some of its specialist gardens to the public over two weekends. Most are private gardens to which the public normally has no access. The weekends are on June 21-22 and August 2-3. For a free Organic Gardens Open Directory, write to Sally Furness, HDRA, Ryton Organic Gardens, Ryton on Dunsmore, Coventry CV8 3LG, enclosing an A5 SAE.

Pond life

THE CURRENT hot weather will have done little to stop the gradual build-up of pond algae. One of the latest treatments on the market is a called Ecotreat. It is a dried bacteria which competes with algae for nutrients, thus depriving the algae of its food source. A 250g pack, which treats up to 2,000l, costs £6.50, from most garden centres with aquatic sections, or phone 01922 743 585.

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Cottagey

LATEST filip for our balance of payments comes from the Cottage Garden Society, which has a dedicated following in Japan of all places. The society aims to advise anybody who wants to be a cottage gardener. More information from the Cottage Garden Society, Hurtsfield House, 244 Edleston Road, Crewe, Cheshire, CW2 7EJ (01270 250776).

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PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

I USE an old ball of string and two sticks at either end of the vegetable row to line up my plants. Grander gardeners do the job properly with line and reel: two heavy spears to stick in the soil and a reel of waxed twine. Normally these cost £17.95, but reader of *The Times* are offered these at £16.95 each. A charge of £4.50 is made for packing and postage because the line and reel weighs 2 kilos (4.4lb). Order (or ask for a free catalogue) from Shore Hall Garden Designs (01799 586225), which will be exhibiting this and other products at the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show next month.

Macleaya cordata

PLANT OF THE MONTH

MACLEAYA CORDATA, or plume poppies: these handsome, herbaceous perennials from China which grow 5ft-8ft tall are foliage plants that will take over your garden, given a rich clay soil. They also give a wonderful jungly feel to a small area, or make a good backdrop for colourful plants. The grey-green, palmately nerved and lobed leaves reach as much as a foot across and, in late summer, plumes of petal-less flowers appear above the foliage. Nurseries sell them but, if a friend grows them, ask for a rhizome: this will soon take off in any rich, moist soil and will thrive in sun or shade.

The dovecote that turned into a house

OPEN THIS WEEKEND

■ **Hodges Barn, Shipton Moyne, *Tetbury, Gloucestershire* (01666 880202).**

About two miles south of Tetbury, via A433. Open April to mid-Aug, Mon, Tues and Fri, 2-5pm and July 6 for the National Gardens Scheme. £2.50, children free.

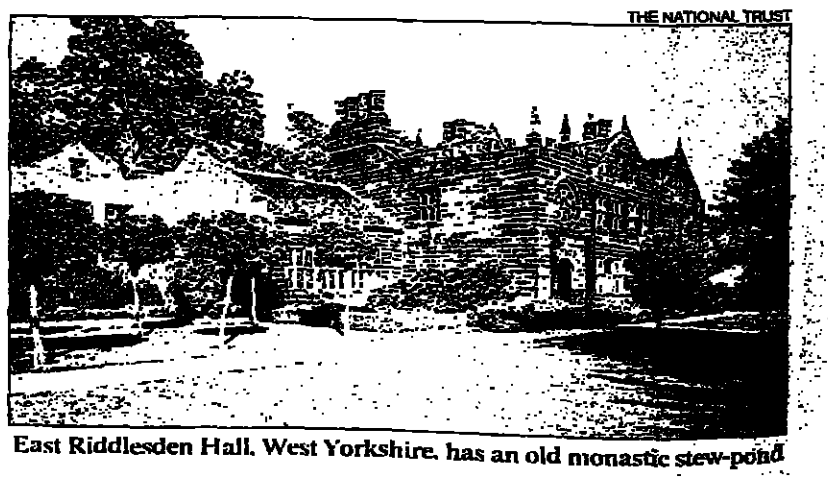
There have been many adventurous conversions of stables into houses during the 20th century, but few houses can claim to have started life 400 years ago as a dovecote. Conversion and garden creation were carried out during the years before and after the Second World War. The late Charles Hornby and his wife Amanda, the present owner, grafted inspired planting on to his grandmother's well-structured garden "bones" of walls, clipped yew and now mature trees. This reaches a heady climax in June with a profusion of roses merging with refreshingly untrammelled shrubs and herbaceous plants. With a water garden a satisfying balance between the delightful house, the garden and the surrounding Cotswold countryside, Hodges Barn answers many people's ideal imaginary picture of a British country garden.

■ Tomorrow, two other gardens in Tetbury will open for the National Gardens Scheme, both from 2-5pm, with a combined admission of £2.50. They are the **Chipping Croft** and the **Old Stables** (follow signs), both good examples of how attractive town houses seem to inspire interesting gardens. Enthusiasts will enjoy the potager at the Chipping Croft and the collection of bonsai at the Old Stables.

■ **East Riddlesden Hall, Keighley, West Yorkshire (01535 607075).**

North of A650, one mile northeast of Keighley. Open Sat-Wed to Nov 2, 1-5pm: also Thurs in July and Aug, noon-5pm. £3, children £1.50.

National Trust gardens, like NT houses, divide into a range of leading players, including a selection of international stars, and more modest supporting acts. East Riddlesden Hall belongs to the latter group, but that in no way detracts from the interest of a visit. It is good to see a property full of history being preserved in one of the most extensive urban settings Britain can offer. The old monastic stew-pond — one of the first things you see — comes as a surprise, as does the superb barn. The walled garden, renewed by the Trust during the 1970s, is reached through the 17th-century manor house. *Box* hedges and avenues of fruit trees and acacias divide lawns, a cheerful mixture of perennials, climbers and an intriguing array of herbs.



THE NATIONAL TRUST

East Riddlesden Hall, West Yorkshire, has an old monastic stew-pond

GEORGE PLUMPTRE

Jacob's Ladder leads to success

Jane Owen meets an amazing woman who has found fame growing the National Collection of Polemoniums

You might think that a single mother of two holding down a job as a nurse would have little time for other activities, but in between her other commitments Dianne Allison has assembled the National Collection of Polemonium (commonly known as Jacob's Ladder) at her semi-detached home on an estate near Consett, County Durham.

Ms Allison is now probably one of the world authorities on the plant, which was much neglected until she took up the cause, completely by chance.

The latest RHS A-Z *Encyclopedia of Garden Plants* lists polemoniums as "a genus of about 25 species". Ms Allison has 68 species, sub-species and cultivars — about five of each packed into her small garden and up the walls of her house. "If I get into something I do it in a big way," she says with glorious understatement.

Ms Allison caught the gardening bug when she spent a lot of time after school in her grandparents' cottage garden, and many of the terracotta pots which fill her garden were handed down to her. When she was 18 she "started to do the good life thing before anybody had heard of it" — growing organic herbs and vegetables. And when her two sons were babies, "while some might have read Mills and Boon I read botany books".

To make her herb bed look prettier she planted it with a few other plants she happened to see at the herb nursery. It was pure chance that they included a polemonium.

"When I bought my first one I was told it would be blue but it turned out white. I wanted some colour for my pot-pourri so I bought another, and that was white, too. When I ended up with five white ones, I realised how bad the labelling of these plants was," she says, echoing a a common cry from National Collection holders. "I was already a member of the NCCPG [National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens] and so I rang Graham Patterson, the council's plant conservation officer, to ask him the name of the holder of the national collection. He told me there wasn't one, asked me how many plants I had, and when I told him 15 he said I probably had more than anybody else." So the first National Collection of polemoniums was born.

GROWING TIPS

P. 'Lambrook Mauve'

- Sow polemonium seeds in late summer or early autumn. A heavy clay soil is best: use plenty of manure.
- They will grow in sun, if the soil is moist, or in dry shade, but somewhere between the two is best
- Most will grow well from shoots, which appear at any time of year in leaf accesses. Treat the shoots as you would cuttings, plant them in 50:50 sterile sand and John Innes No 2 in an open cold frame.
- The plants are remarkably pest and disease-resistant but, particularly in the south, they will develop mildew if their roots are allowed to dry.

P. 'Ellworthy Amethyst'

Most of Ms Allison's polemoniums are planted directly into the ground of her garden, which measures about 13ft by 10ft at the front and 13ft by 13ft at the back, with a 3ft strip along the side. Alpine species sit prettily in pots and troughs.

"Polemoniums will grow almost anywhere but they are good in shade, even deep shade — and it makes my blood boil that whenever anybody writes about shade-loving plants they never mention polemoniums: just the same tired old list over and over again," Ms Allison says.

Polemoniums are satisfying plants — plumes of ladder-shaped leaves making clumps speckled with white, lilac, blue, mauve or even pink, with bell or saucer-shaped flowers.

The favourite polemonium in Ms Allison's collection is "whichever one I happen to be looking at at the time", but she has a soft spot for 'Lambrook Mauve', which grows where few other plants would survive: in deep shade under a climbing rose against a north-facing border. It forms large clumps and, though in theory it should flower in late spring and early summer, it flowers for eight months a year. A 'Mauve' belonging to a friend flowers throughout the year.

'Lambrook Mauve' came originally from Margery Fish's garden at Lambrook Manor in Somerset. Ms Allison read about the plant but could not find one: nurseries she visited were unwittingly selling other varieties incorrectly labelled 'Lambrook Mauve'. Then one of Ms Allison's friends gave her an unidentified plant from her mother's garden. It became known as "Margaret's mother's plant" until Ms Allison's research revealed it to be the elusive 'Lambrook Mauve', probably given by Mrs Fish to Margaret's mother.

IAN DUNCAN

Dianne Allison, and her son Damien, with part of her National Collection of Polemoniums

Thanks to Ms Allison's painstaking work the "Lambrook Mauve" plants on sale in this country are now usually the real McCoy — and when nurseries are not certain they check with Ms Allison.

Her mission to get the labelling right has taken her to the Royal Botanic Garden at Edinburgh, and triggered correspondence with botanists and herbariums worldwide. "I've always enjoyed a challenge," she says. "It's the detective thing. Following a lead through is so satisfying."

Now many leading growers visit Ms Allison to check that their plants are correctly labelled and to show her any polemoniums they reckon are new. One large nursery checked *P.* 'Brise d'Anjou' to make sure it was a worthwhile plant before starting a big propagation programme.

The Polemonium sits well in a summer border

During her research she came across a description of the plant linnaeus as a white form of the usually blue *P. reptans.* But none of the 20 *P. reptans* she inspected were anything like the dried specimen she had examined at Edinburgh. She finally found it in a herb nursery in Northumberland — at the same moment that she was sent seed by contacts in America.

The white form of *P. reptans*, 'Virginia White', is difficult to grow from seed, and is being micropropagated by Lambrook Plants. It will probably be launched next year.

Ms Allison lists her other triumphs as tracking down the large, pink-flowered *P. carneum*, which reaches about 16in tall and flowers from May to August, and a pure pink-flowered form of *P. pulcherrimum*, about 6in tall and flowering from April to June.

All the more unusual flowers she grows she distributes to nurseries nationwide — a list is included in her booklet, see below — to friends, or as plant swaps to ensure the bulk needed for the plant's long-term survival. "I can propagate only about 12 a year myself," she explains.

As if all this wasn't enough, to get to grips with the finer points of molecular biology Ms Allison studied for a botany degree at Newcastle University. So when, last summer, the NCCPG asked her to exhibit at the Hampton Court Flower show she had to refuse because of her degree work. This summer, having completed her degree she will be there.

Now the woman who spends her holidays on moors searching for native species of polemoniums is trying to raise money to travel to America for a plant-hunting tour.

- *For a copy of the booklet* Polemoniums, *by Dianne Allison, send a cheque for £2 to Ms Allison at 10 The Chesters, Ebchester, Co Durham DH8 0PB. Her collection can be viewed by appointment only: call 01207 561923.*
- *The National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens (NCCPG), The Pines, RHS Gardens Wisley, Woking, Surrey GU23 6QP (01483 224234).*

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Branching out with exotic vegetables

A long, hot summer is ideal for growing a delicacy or two, says **Stephen Anderton**

Have you ever fancied growing some exotic vegetables for a change? Long hot summers are the perfect opportunity to have a go. I have tried the moderately exotic *scorzonera* in the past, a long thin root crop similar to salsify. They are delicious parboiled and roasted like parsnips.

I once grew the Chinese artichoke. *Stachys affinis*, which, to my palate at least, were more ornament than delicacy. At least they had no dramatic effect on the digestive system, unlike the Jerusalem artichoke, *Helianthus tuberosus*. But it is fun to have a go with exotic vegetables, and sometimes you get a pleasant surprise.

I talked to Matthew Biggs, author of a useful new book on the common and the truly exotic vegetables, about what he thought were the most successful of the exotic vegetables in the British climate. He recommended four — oca, mooli, chayote and karela.

His fascination with exotic vegetables comes from his time studying horticulture at Kew, when he developed an interest in economic plants overseas. Since then he has enjoyed researching and trying out some of these exotic vegetables in his own garden, with varying degrees of success. But these four he reckons are worth the effort.

Oca and mooli are easiest: they are both root crops and require less heat than the other two vegetables. Oca are similar to potatoes in many ways. They are grown in the same way, they both produce edible tubers, which can be cooked in a similar way and they both come from South America. But there the similarity ends, for potatoes are in the nightshade family *Solanaceae* and oca are in the wood sorrel family *Oxalidaceae*, which is not known for its edible potential.

The trick with oca is to ensure a long season of growth. They need to go into the ground immediately the frosts are past, in well-manured ground such as you would prepare for potatoes. The tubers go in 5in deep and a foot apart. But in a cold garden it is better to start the tubers off in pots earlier, to gain time.

The 2-3in tubers begin to form in autumn, when the day is nine hours or less, and the plants need to be kept growing for as long as possible while the tubers form. Again, in cold gardens, some protection from cold may be useful. It may even be better to grow them like new potatoes in a tub (the "shamrock" leaves are pretty enough) which can be lifted into a sheltered position for autumn.

Oca (New Zealand yams) are similar to potatoes in many ways

Expert grower: Matthew Biggs

Mooli are a form of radish, and they therefore flourish in cool temperatures and the shorter days of autumn. A soil suitable for carrots is ideal — light, well drained, not recently manured, and free of stones. There must also be enough moisture to keep them growing fast and evenly. Irregular watering can lead to splitting of the roots. Mooli are sown in mid to late summer, for use during the winter.

The long creamy-white roots of mooli are a familiar sight on the shelves at Safeway, and when you realise they are radishes, something tells you they will never grow to that size in Britain. But they do, and Mr Biggs found them being cultivated with great success by Asian communities in Birmingham and even northerly Bradford.

Karela and chayote both come from the cucumber family *Cucurbitaceae*, and are best grown in a greenhouse here.

Karela are cultivated throughout the Tropics, look like particularly warty small cucumbers and can be grown by the same methods. Growth is rampant to 12ft. They hoist themselves up by tendrils, so they need plenty of space on a trellis and their feet in the greenhouse border.

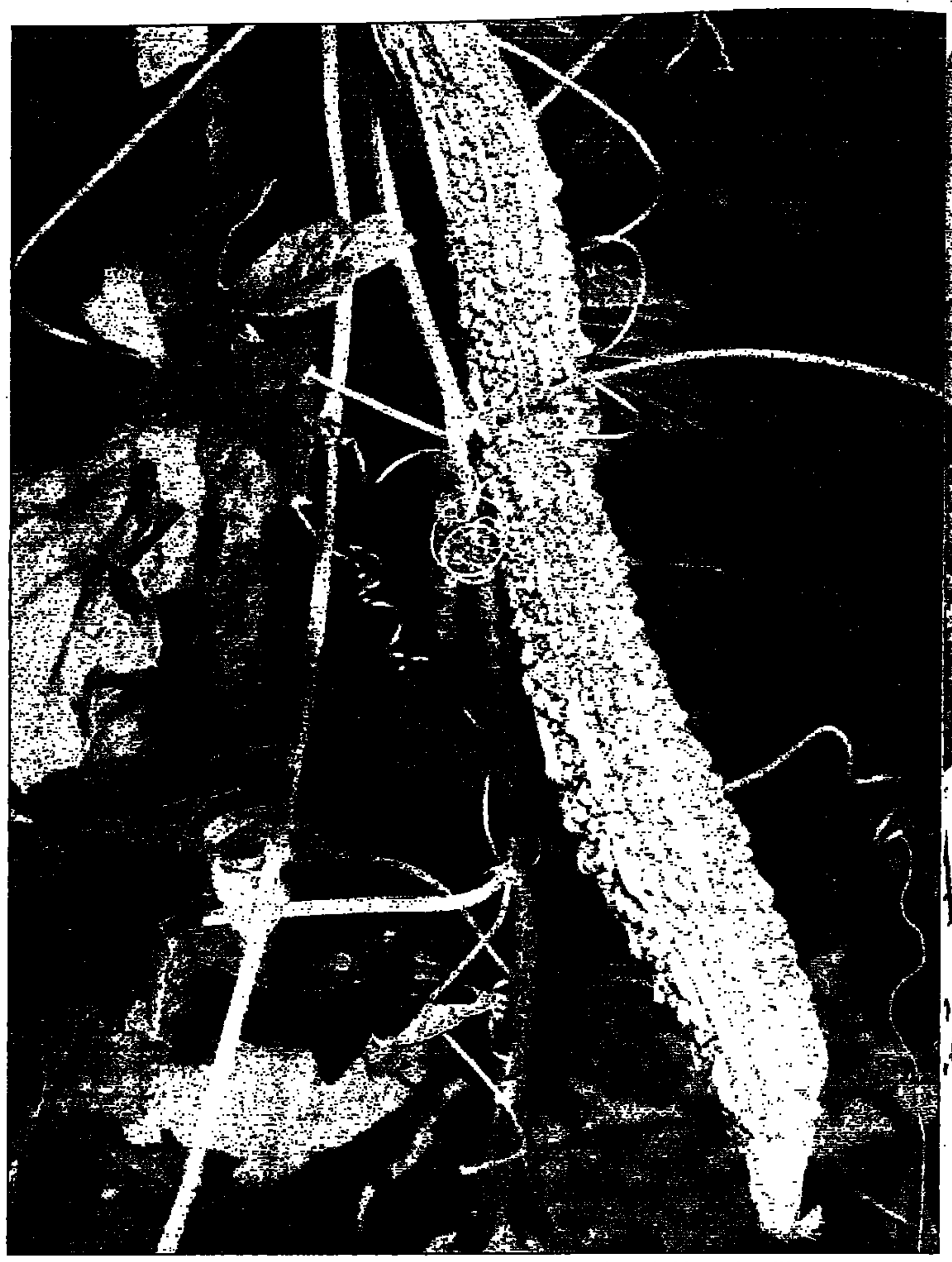
In evidence Matthew Biggs recalls Mowgli's *Song Against People*: "I will let loose against you the fleet-footed vines, I will call in the Jungle to stamp out your lines. The roofs shall fade before it, the house-beams shall fall, And the Karela shall cover it all."

Feed should be high in nitrogen at first, to get the plant moving, then high in potash (tomato feed) at the fruiting stage. The flowers are generously perfumed with vanilla, and the fruits, which can be cooked like courgettes, are eaten whole at an inch long, or larger chopped and deseeded. Warmth and moisture are the key and watering with tepid water is always beneficial.

Night temperatures of 50F/10C are vital. Too often we think of a rainwater tank in a greenhouse as a stop-gap for lime-hating plants. Yet even if you have to fill it from a tap, such a tank ensures a water supply at room temperature, which offers no check to growth. Fancy plastic or brass lances to fit on the end of a hose are macho but not as good for the plants.

But if karela fruit look a little grim, chayotes are a delight. A great wobbly tuck runs across the green mango-sized fruit, which can be stuffed or added to stews or salads. They look like bag ladies without their teeth in. Older fruits bear the occasional bristly hair. Matthew Biggs likens them to glove puppets. Certainly there is a sore temptation to get out the felt pen and add eyes and a nose.

They can be grown like karelas in a greenhouse border, and need a deep soil enriched with manure to get them off to a rollicking start.



The slender, odd-looking karela fruit (bitter gourd) has a puckered skin rather like a cucumber

WEEKEND TIPS

- ■ Watch for beech aphid on young beech hedges (crimped young leaves and white woolly colonies beneath the leaves), and spray. Young trees can be seriously set back if left untreated.
- ■ Summer feed weak lawns as necessary, avoiding application when dry at the root. Rake up patches of clover before mowing so the blades can take off the runners.
- ■ Use foliar feed to strengthen shrubs damaged by the winter.
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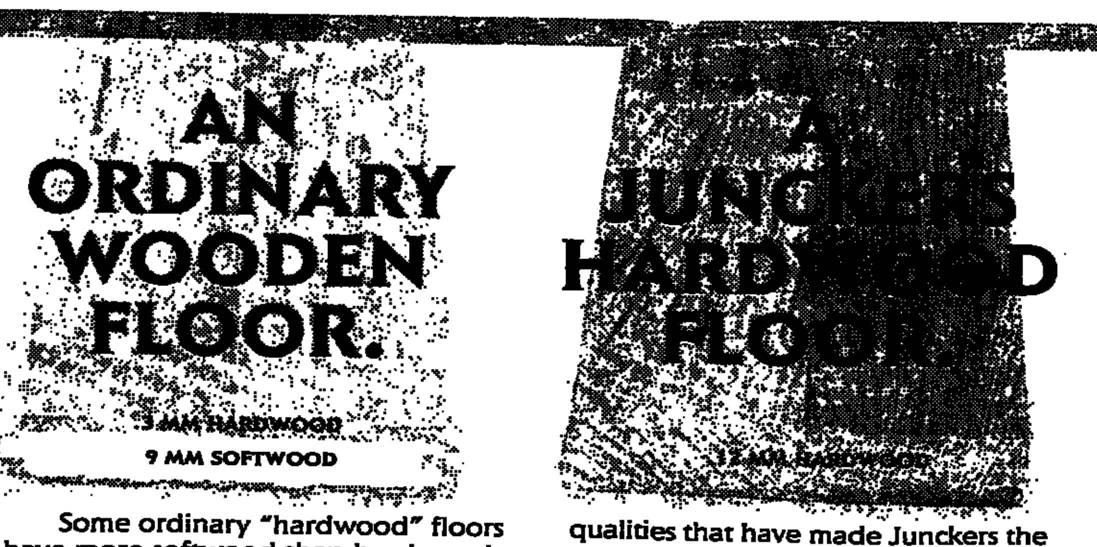

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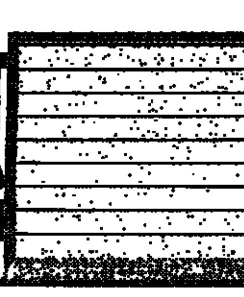

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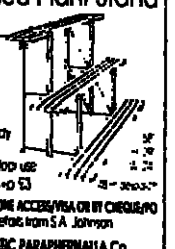

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Muchalls has no moat or creaking staircases, just a warm and cosy feeling and well proportioned rooms

Neither creepy nor draughty, the ten-bedroom Muchalls Castle has a homely air

The Great Hall is 34ft by 19ft, with an ornate plaster ceiling boasting gaudy coats of arms, an enormous fireplace and a walk-in drinks cupboard

A castle to call home

There is much truth in the adage, "An Englishman's home is his castle", but would the reverse be true? Can an Englishman's castle be his home? The notion of a "homely castle" is almost an oxymoron. Castles are traditionally too cold, too big, too draughty and too expensive to maintain to lend themselves to the intimacy that homes require. Those who inhabit castles often live in the kitchen and a few surrounding rooms while the rest of the building is neglected. In his *Diaries*, Alan Clark moans more about his castle, Saltwood, than the pressures of politics.

Muchalls Castle, near Aberdeen, is that rarity, the homely castle. It has neither creaking staircases and scary corridors, nor vast rooms with sub-zero microclimates. However, Muchalls, which dates from the 17th century, also lacks the more usual attributes. It has no moats, battlements or towers from which Rapunzel can let down her locks.

"I think of Muchalls as a home," says Glenda Cormack, the owner. She has lived there for six years, enjoying the fine views of the Kincardineshire countryside and the North Sea. Mrs Cormack takes in paying guests and, such is the popularity of the castle, it has turned into a full-time job. She plans to buy an even bigger house to run as a business. But wouldn't that be a burden? "Not at all!" she scoffs. "I want to live my life in reverse."

Muchalls does feel more like an upmarket guesthouse than a home. Fire regulations have resulted in an unnatural amount of doors and the occasional green exit sign. "All these can be easily removed," says Mrs Cormack. "We made sure that we didn't radically alter the structure."

What makes Muchalls homely is the size of the rooms. The largest is the splendid Great Hall, 34ft by 19ft. An ornate plaster ceiling boasts gaudy coats of arms and a fireplace big enough to park a car. To its right is a walk-in drinks cupboard to satisfy even the biggest whisky drinker.

But the rest of the many rooms are not much bigger than you would find in a large, suburban detached house. The drawing-room is 22ft by 16ft and pretty. The feel is certainly feminine, despite the heraldic ceiling, and it has that kind of yellowy warmth that makes it ideal for snuggling up in.

Leading off it is the smaller study which, according to Mrs Cormack, "is a man's room". Panelled walls and heraldry give it the appearance of St James's elegance.

Yet it is the bedrooms that will sell Muchalls. The ten are decorated in individual styles. The most attractive is the "honeymoon suite", which is light and romantic with its two turreted alcoves, from whose windows you could let down your hair. Above the bed is a canopy that cascades down from a fabric-covered, spokeless bicycle wheel.

Mrs Cormack is a great scavenger. Many pieces of furniture in Muchalls have been snapped up for a song and handsomely restored. Unfortunately for any buyer, she is taking it all with her.

Surprisingly, Muchalls has little land for a house of its stature — a mere five acres. What there is has been well maintained and imaginatively designed. The garden is on different levels, and one of the lawns would make the perfect croquet pitch, surely compulsory for a house like this.

There are the remains of the old castle walls, as well as a rented cottage and stable block with planning permission to be turned into flats. They are tucked away so that renting them out would not mean an invasion of privacy.

But, no matter how homely Muchalls is, it is not surprising to find that life in the castle revolves around the kitchen. Next door is what is described as the office but what many would call the "flop-room". With a low ceiling and a view on to the courtyard, it is where a family would spend most of their time, lounging around the television with their feet on the dogs while the wind howls around the turrets.

GUY WALTERS

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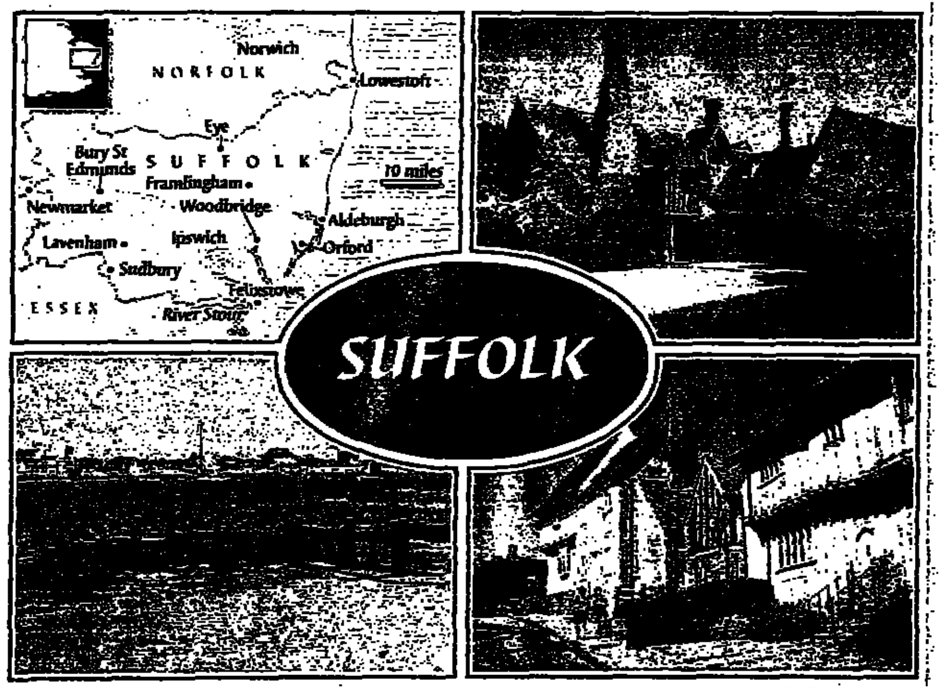
MICHAEL POWELL

The spacious dining room at Muchalls Castle

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

- ● Muchalls Castle, By Stonehaven, Aberdeen, Kincardineshire
- ● **Price:** Offers over £650,000
- ● **Shopping:** Aberdeen is ten miles away, and its Union Street has nearly every high-street shop one would need. There are also out-of-town supermarkets and DIY centres. The nearest town, Stonehaven, is a coastal resort, which although slightly twee, is good for lighter shopping. It also has a fine fish restaurant on the harbour
- ● **Recreation:** For fishermen, the Dee is a few miles away, and golfers will be spoilt by the plethora of courses. The sea is a mile away
- ● **Access:** Aberdeen airport is 17 miles north, and flights to London last about 80 minutes. Muchalls is only a half a mile from the A90, the Perth-Aberdeen road

Property profile: news, views and prices around Britain



■ **Attractions:** one of the cheapest commutable areas from London, according to Mark Oliver at Savills. Ipswich is one hour by train to Liverpool Street. Close to Cambridge, with good links to Felixstowe, and notable for its heritage coastline, the Stour Valley, Newmarket and the villages of Framlingham, Lavenham and Woodbridge.

■ **The market:** bullish, according to overworked agents, with many reporting rises of up to 15 per cent for prime properties this year. The market fell hard in 1990, but prices are back to peak levels in some areas, and the million-pound deal has hit Suffolk. Supply is a problem, however. Bidwells reckons there are ten purchasers for every quality property. Bedfords has 600-700 applicants for 40 properties.

■ **Expect to pay:** £200,000 to £300,000 for a country house in north Suffolk; £275,000 to £375,000 in south Suffolk. Half the 1,200 clients on Savills' Ipswich list are down for old rectories and large country houses in the £300,000 to £500,000 range. David Bedford, of Bedford's in Bury St Edmunds, reckons that 50 per cent of thesego for well over the guide prices to cash buyers spending less than they sold their homes for.

■ **Major sales:** Savills sold a house in the Stour Valley for £1.25 million. Strutt & Parker sold Otley Hall, near Ipswich, for £900,000 in January. Asking price was £750,000.

■ **Outlook:** further rises are expected. Mr Bedford expects more properties to come on the market this summer. The bullish John Grossart, of Jackson-Stops & Staff in Newmarket, reckons Suffolk will soon give the Home Counties a run for their money.

Next week: Shropshire

AMANDA LOOSE

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SELLING POINTS

ENERGY SAVERS

How green is your house? Are you well lagged? And how many thermostatic radiator valves (TRVs) do you have? "Not very; averagely; and haven't a clue," is the response from most people.

Research by Mintel, ahead of the Energy Saving Trust's television campaign, featuring the voice of Einstein, which will be rerun in the autumn, estimates that Britain's householders waste £6.5 billion each year — about £278 per home — by not being energy efficient.

However, when it comes to selling your house, going on about SAP (the Standard Assessment Procedure by which the Government rates home energy) or how you have cut emissions will leave most house hunters cold. What they want to know is how a shiny, modern boiler or well-lagged loft makes for cheaper running costs.

Your home may be as warm as toast when you are showing people around, but if the source of heat is an old boiler, some buyers may be wary. Alternatively, if there is a chilly feel to the house, or you live in a bracing area, the thought of having to spend a lot on draught-proofing or double glazing may put buyers off.

Energy efficiency doesn't have to involve a big change in lifestyle. You don't need to put grass on the roof or plant a small forest of wind turbines in the back garden; many of the measures are simple and inexpensive to implement.

The Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales runs courses on improving energy efficiency. Although houses built from straw bales, or even underground, are catching on, one of its top tips for saving energy is to turn the thermostat down. It says energy is wasted primarily by letting heat escape outside, and by using inefficient appliances, and recommends reducing heating requirements by insulation and draught-proofing, as well as using low-energy lightbulbs.

How green is your house?

Lagging the hot-water tank costs only £5 to £10, and could save £10 to £15 a year. TRVs cost about £45 to £75 and will save £10 to £20 a year. Moving up the scale, cavity-wall installation costs about £350 to £500 and could up to £70 a year. Spending a bit more for a modern condensing boiler could cut your heating bill by 30 per cent.

If you are investing in a fitted kitchen, buying appliances that reach high energy-efficient standards (graded A to G, with A as the most efficient) will both pay its way and impress buyers.

But if you want to save money and look cool, invest in solar panels. According to one adviser, solar heating is the accessory being fitted by the person with everything.

CLARE STEWART

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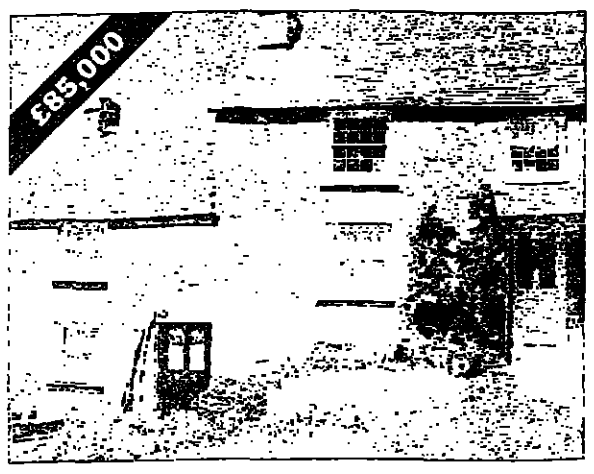

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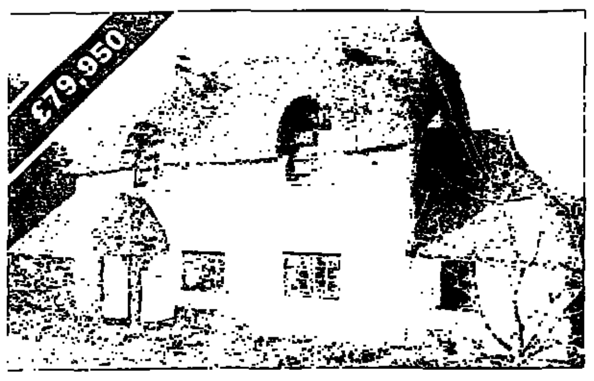

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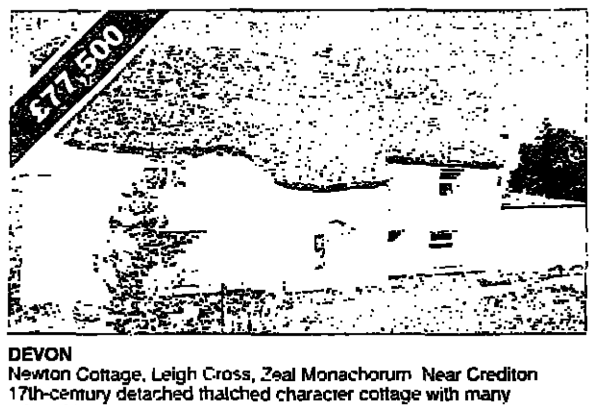

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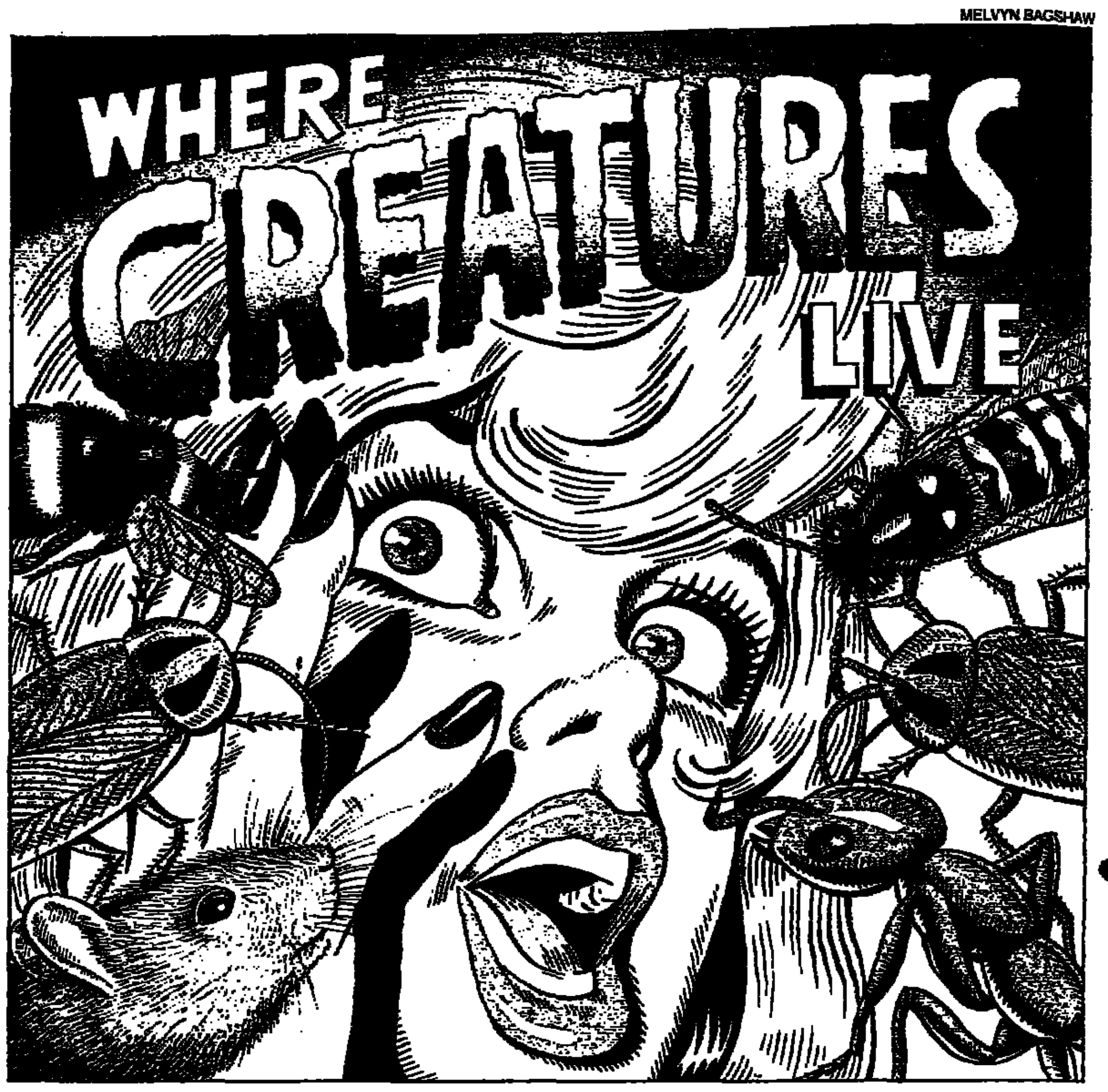
The guests who refuse to leave

Hot summers mean the arrival of wasps, rats, mice and cockroaches so don't leave chocolate or peanut butter out



MELVYN BAGSHAW

Reports that Britain's summer is to become longer and hotter is unfortunately good news for our perennial pests. Longer summers mean wasps, rats and cockroaches will all be making their appearances that much earlier.

This year's early spring has already been marked by the unmistakeable rustling, chewing and buzzing of irritating, uninvited houseguests. The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health which plays a major role in raising awareness of public health issues warns that we all have a very strong chance of encountering some form of pest *which poses a significant health risk.* For all pest problems the Institute advises people to contact their council environmental health department.

The house mouse is the most common pest. Most house and field mice infestations are cleared up in two or three visits. Pest control officers locate the "mice runs" and then lay poison and traps. Favourite mice haunts are in cupboards and drawers and behind kitchen units. Pest control officers are then legally required to return to remove the poison (which is harmful to humans *and pets). Your council may provide a* mice control service free or at a subsidised rate. Otherwise you will have to pay a private contractor.

The British Pest Control Association expects large companies to charge around £50 an hour. Smaller companies should be £35 an hour.

You may prefer to treat the problem yourself. The golden rule is to make sure nothing is left out for the mice to eat. Hardware stores stock poisons and traps but read the instructions carefully. Research carried out by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health discovered that 20 per cent of those encountering pest infestations were not bothering to treat them at all, while another 20 per cent treated them ineffectively.

Dr John Simmons of the BPCA said: "It's a myth that mice particularly like cheese. Mice and rats have a very similar palate to our own. They can even taste the food colouring in poisons. Their favourite food is chocolate or peanut butter."

A recent Institute survey showed rat infestations had increased by 39 per cent since 1979. Rats only live for between nine and 18 months but mate from two to three months and can produce seven litters, of eight or ten offspring, per year. For many people the first sign of a rat in the house is a *smell of cabbage caused by a decomposing rat* under the floorboards.

Anita Tillyer, 30, is a rat-catcher. She says rodent *infestations* are getting worse. Each year her company, JR Cockburn and Sons, deals with a 10 per cent increase in rodent pests. "Rats really frighten people. We get more false alarms for rats than anything else," she says. People panic when they think they have caught a glimpse of a rat, but often it turns out to be a big mouse or even a squirrel. What seem to be signs of a rat presence, such as holes in compost or *rubbish that has been interfered with, often turn out to be* the work of mice or domestic animals.

At the Cockburn offices in west London there's a gruesome reminder of the sort of damage the omnivorous rat can cause. Miss Tillyer says: "We keep a collection of items half-eaten by rats. These include a sardine tin, books, soap, photographs and, of course, all kinds of rat traps."

Almost every council will provide a free or subsidised rat control service and most problems are cleared up in two or three visits. Any routes (gaps in air bricks and through the floorboards) the rat may be using to enter a property are sealed. The same chemicals used to kill mice are employed against rats but traps are less effective against the wary rat.

In inner cities, Oriental and German cockroaches, which have now become the two main indigenous species, are a real problem. Entomologist Tony Stephens, who has spent ten years tackling pest control with Rentokil, says: "They get into buildings via the sewerage system." For every one identified you can expect there to be ten more, he says. Pest control officers spray chemicals behind kitchen units to kill them off. Contact your council.

Bee keepers are also gearing up for another busy year. Most bee problems are caused by honey bees, but masonry bees, which don't sting, bore into stone and mortar and are more difficult to deal with. Wild swarms of bees, and those which have escaped from bee hives, are not protected by law. Environmental health departments should be able to put you in contact with beekeepers.

Wasps nest in eaves and lofts or even inside the house, behind a curtain. In larger nests there can be as many as 30,000 wasps.

Mr Stephens advises people not to tackle the nests themselves: "Bee and wasp stings are very dangerous in large numbers and they will defend the nests," he says.

Last summer's plague of ants was, in the majority of cases, treated without the pest control experts. Ant powders — from hardware stores and chemists — should be directed against nests or points of access to the house rather than the ant "runs".

Certain "pests" are protected by law. Under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act it is an offence, punishable by a maximum £5,000 fine, to handle bats or interfere with their habitats.

Similar protection is afforded to doormice and red squirrels. Adders, *grass snakes and slow worms enjoy* limited protection against "killing, injuring and sale".

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PEST CHARGES

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- **Some pest control officers will also take on problems with squirrels free of charge — although, again, a squirrel service may not be universally available.**
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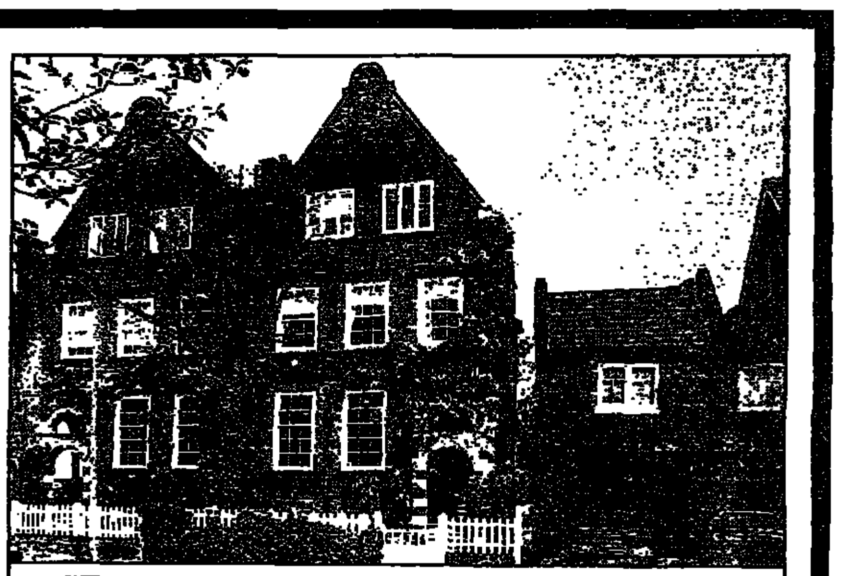

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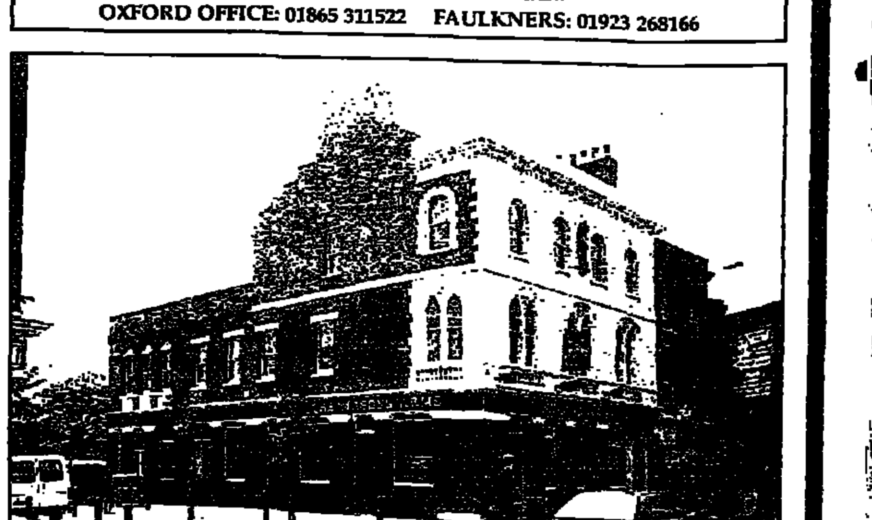

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The idealists' hi-tech home

Christine Webb meets the builder of Britain's first televillage, where residents can work from home

In an ideal world most people would choose to live within minutes of work, in a stunning home set in beautiful countryside within a safe community with good shops, schools, pubs and restaurants nearby.

Ashley Dobbs is an idealist. He can offer all the above, and more, so long as your work is computer or telephone-based, because his company is building the world's first fully equipped televillage.

Acorn Televillages' development of 40 homes in the village of Crickhowell, near Abergavenny, Gwent, is a mix of houses, flats and offices equipped with the latest fibre-optic telecommunication links. A telecentre, set up in a huge converted Welsh stone barn, will offer for hire (by the hour) computer or office equipment, video-conferencing facilities, secretarial or technical services or a boardroom.

Studios and offices will be rented in the converted farm buildings for as little as £35 a week. But because all homes and workspaces have sockets that link into a fibre-optic Local Area Network (LAN) within the televillage, a resident can plug in any PC (or Mac) anywhere on site, and link into the Internet and corporate networks. There is even scope for operating a biggish firm, which means the televillage could bring more jobs for local people.

All this is remarkable enough. But remember, Ashley Dobbs, aged 36, is an idealist. And at Crickhowell, he is not just building hi-tech live-work spaces, he is building a model community.

His ideals are rooted in green issues. A televillage means that the work comes to the people rather than the workers having to commute. An estimated 75 per cent of all British energy consumption is used in transport and housing, Mr Dobbs says. "We were the first developer to be financed by the Triodos Bank, an environmental and ethical bank," he says, "because we were the only one who met its strict criteria.

"The houses here are among the best insulated in the country, they hardly use any energy, and we're using a lot of reclaimed materials: flagstones and cobbles."

All the wood used in the development is Welsh: oak doors and windows, poplar or alder polished floors, birch kitchens, ash cupboards. On the bathroom floors, the polished wood tiles are made from end-grain pieces that would otherwise be scrapped.

"The Brecon Beacons National Park authority is providing support for growing wood in the area and by using that wood, we are encouraging that growth."

Rain and bath water are stored for garden use, and the houses are durable in aesthetic terms. "If style goes out of fashion people rip fittings out, so the style of these houses is contemporary, using natural finishes. They will look good in 20 years, inside and out, Mr Dobbs says.

"The style of the exteriors is the historic vernacular — stone and render finishes, and Welsh oak — but they are not a complete copy of the past."

The houses built so far are a testimony to idealistic standards. Inside, living area floors and skirtings are polished wood: pale poplar, with its distinctive grain, or darker alder. The kitchens' wooden worktops are handmade by James Abel, who runs a carpentry workshop nearby.

"We've used organic paints," Mr Dobbs says. "Outside we've used a pigment based on natural minerals, which has been used since 1805. It is so durable that there are still German houses painted with it that have never needed to be painted since. But it gave us an environmental dilemma, because it had to be transported here from Germany. However, we felt it was better to put on a paint that lasted 100 years than something that would need redoing every four years."

Great attention is paid to detail, thanks to Mr Dobbs's wife, Roxanna, 35, who is also company secretary. Door latches are wooden or hand-forged iron, front doors are insulated Welsh oak former stable doors, and mat wells are sunk in front of both front and back doors. The ceilings in most master bedrooms reach up to the roof, and most houses have a built-in platform that makes use of the roof space, either for storage or for use as a sleeping platform. There are even handmade ceramic uplights in all rooms, designed to take low-energy bulbs.

As a result, the interiors of these houses have a dual quality: they are thoroughly modern, yet also reminiscent of the Arts and Crafts style, and of Lutyens. Their one drawback is their size: they are compact. Otherwise, they are more than ideal homes; they are idealists' homes.

The first phase consists of small homes facing on to a pedestrian courtyard with small front gardens. A footpath runs by and slips past a four-storey, stone-faced tower building of flats, through a cloister into an open space beyond which will be the larger houses. These will be irregularly arranged around another footpath. The houses back on to private gardens, behind which a perimeter lane gives access to their oak-clad carports or parking spaces.

"We're creating a sense of community in many ways," Mr Dobbs says. "The layout is important. People have public gardens at the front of their houses where they can sit on a bench if they're feeling sociable and chat to the neighbours. There's a private space at the back if they want seclusion."

There will also be a café and a plaza area, where people can meet. "If we make it beautiful, we create a sense of belonging," Mr Dobbs says. "Old mining or agricultural villages had cohesive communities because people worked and lived side-by-side. We're going back to that."

Why did he choose Crickhowell? It offers 13 pubs, good shopping, hang-gliding at Hay Bluff, sailing on Llangorse Lake, canoeing and good walking. Road and rail networks are close by.

Mr Dobbs was the founding chairman of the Telecottage Association, which helped establish 140 local telecentres throughout Britain and Ireland. He says that 70 per cent of the UK's working population now work on paper and could telework part or most of the time. To test the water, in 1991 he finished a telehamlet near Hereford.

For those who work at home alone it is the perfect solution: convenient, in beautiful surroundings without isolation.

So far, 15 of the 19 homes in the first phase have been sold or reserved before completion, and three of the 20 houses in phase two have been reserved, even though building work has yet to start. The smallest (one-bedroom) house costs £65,000, the largest £269,000. The four-bedroom houses start from £145,000.

Mr Dobbs says he is surprised at his early success. "When I first had the idea ten years ago, it was like another century. People are more open to televillages now, they know all the jargon," he says. "In this case, our acorn has fallen on fertile ground."

● *For further details, phone Acorn on 0800 378848, or e-mail to: televillages@compuserve.com*

AT WORK

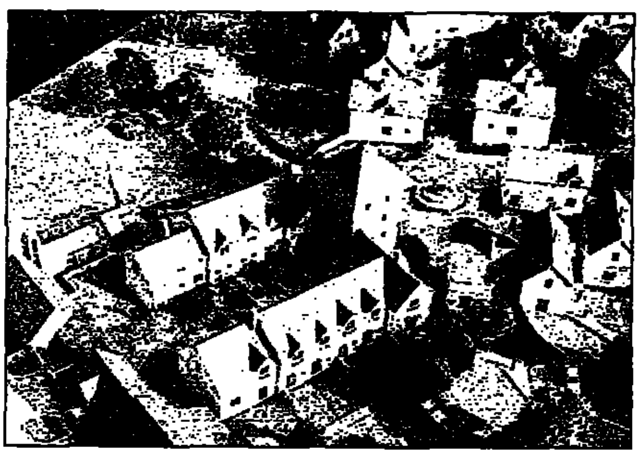
JEREMY KERRISON and Helen Isaacs moved into their two-bedroom cottage in March. They run a translation company, Telelingua, from a small office in their garden, and can offer five languages between them.

"It's going to be fabulous here, with a great sense of community," Mr Kerrison says. "Everyone will look out into a central courtyard, which is very peaceful.

"This development is extremely innovative. We deliver our translations by e-mail, and there may be opportunities for simultaneous translation when the video-conferencing facility opens up."

GARETH EVERETT

Helen Isaacs at the stable door of the Televillage office where she and her partner, Jeremy Kerrison, run a translation business called Telelingua



A corner of the Welsh stone and wood Acorn Televillage (above) and a model of the full development showing the plaza

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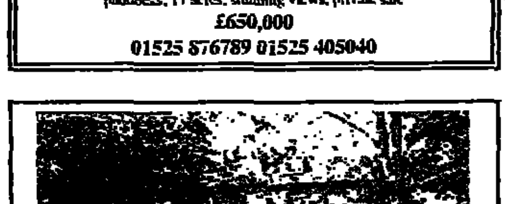

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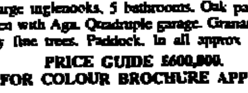

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WILLIAM WALKER

The warden Austen Widdows warns visitors to stop at 50 yards

Warning: these cows are dangerous

Christian Dymond visits an aggressive breed of Northumberland cattle unchanged for 700 years

After spending more than 700 years behind a seven-mile-long wall in north Northumberland, the Wild White Cattle of Chillingham still refuse to be tamed. Nobody handles them, and nobody goes close to them. If they pick up human scent on another, they have been known to gore or trample it to death.

Even their warden, Austen Widdows, is wary. "I once found a cow stuck in a bog, and for several days I left hay near it so it could feed and build up strength. Eventually, the animal managed to free itself, but it turned on me. I ran to my Land Rover but it stuck its head through the back of the vehicle, and only by protecting myself with a bale of hay did I escape serious injury."

Visitors have to observe a strict code of conduct when they come to see the animals. After picking up a ticket at the cottage close to Chillingham Castle, they take a 20-minute walk through woods and across fields.

"Don't go closer than 50 yards to the cattle," Mr Widdows warns. "Never approach a mother and calf, and don't come between an animal and the rest of the herd."

The Wild Whites are said to be direct descendants of beasts which roamed here thousands of years ago. They inhabit 365 acres out of a total 1,500 acres which was enclosed in the 13th century.

Their domain is rough ground, some of it boggy and much of it scattered with alder, birch, oak and ash, trees being the only shelter they have in harsh weather. The land, which they share with deer and sheep, is left unfertilised to prevent their diet from becoming too rich.

When I visited, two old fellows, red-eared and dark-muzzled, were grazing peacefully in the weak sunshine. But looks are deceptive. These characters had spent their youth in trials of strength with other bulls and, even in their dotage, can turn nasty. One was a former king bull, banished from the herd because it still presented a threat to the present king bull.

It is the king bull system which has been the Wild White Cattle's saving grace. Mr Widdows believes it unlikely that other cattle types have been introduced to them during the past 700 years.

Edward VII shot the king bull

But, thanks to the king bull system and a macho culture, degeneracy has been avoided.

The king is the dominant male. His reign lasts about two or three years during which he has the privilege of siring all the calves in the herd before a younger, fitter male defeats him in a trial of strength. As heifers do not conceive until they are about three and a half years old, a king bull is rarely around long enough to mate with its offspring. There is another factor which ensures that stronger genes pass down the generations. Weaklings are banished by the herd to somewhere else in the parkland or, worse — are gored or trampled to death.

Trials of strength between younger bulls are common, and ensure preparation for the day when they will challenge the king bull. It is easy to spot where the scrapping goes on because every so often you come across a bare circle of ground, often 10ft in diameter.

Two calves have recently been born to the herd, so the group has increased to a healthy 48, up 35 from 50 years ago, when the terrible winter of 1946-1947 reduced the numbers to 13.

As a precaution for the breed's future, one bull and two cows were moved to a secret location in Scotland, where numbers have risen to eight. The three that were moved all had the same scent of humans on them so that no single beast smelt differently.

Towards the end of my visit, Mr Widdows caught a glimpse of a large group of cattle in the distance, high up on the Prince of Wales plain, so called because in 1872 the future Edward VII shot the king bull there for sport.

We climbed the slope, gave a wide berth to a couple of isolated old bulls and approached the main herd slowly. Alarmed by our presence, a group of deer started to run away from us, which might have triggered a cattle stampede. We studied the herd for some minutes. A few raised their heads and glanced in our direction before returning to the business of eating grass.

The Wild White Cattle of Chillingham looked no more threatening than a herd of Friesians. But then I was 100 yards away, and that's exactly where I remained.

- *The cattle park is open daily from April 1 to October 31 from 10am-12pm and 2-5pm except Tuesday morning; Sundays, 2-5pm. It is open by appointment in winter (telephone 01668 215250).*
- *The Rare Breeds Survival Trust (01203 696551).*

Too cute to cull? Blame Disney

Readers have their say on country matters — from sapling destruction to old remedies and grass snakes mating

DOWN TO EARTH

PAUL HEINEY

Oh, the joy of your letters. I have just opened one which begins: "The other day, I had to swerve to avoid a couple of grass snakes making love in the middle of the road."

We shall return to the courting grass snakes;. but may I say that one of the great pleasures of your correspondence, for which many thanks, is the way in which a mere fleeting mention sends your pens off at fascinating tangents. A good example is creosote.

In last month's letters it was suggested that deer do not much like the smell of tar, so couldn't this be used as a deterrent to protect the saplings in our woods from the hungry nibblings of destructive deer? This letter, thanks to Jean Stevenson, of Boat of Garten, Inverness-shire — who thinks there is not enough tar in the world to protect her environment — takes us straight into the heart of a hunting/conservation/balance of nature debate. She writes:

There is now no predator of deer here other than man, some of whom, for reasons of their own (mainly to provide easy stag shooting for the "gentry") have allowed numbers to explode over the last few decades. This has resulted in a "wet desert" on many hillsides, grazed till nothing but coarse, unpalatable grasses and sedges are left — not a tree seedling in sight, and certainly nothing big enough to apply a tar coating! With their huge numbers now, unless the deer are vigorously culled, they devastate their own environment.

The only answer is culling by trained marksmen who will not leave a wounded animal to die in agony, and for whom such culling is a job of work and not a "sport".

Such culling has been done in small areas where there are enlightened landowners, and the results have been dramatic — trees springing up everywhere where a seed source still remains, the ground flora and fauna revived and revitalised and the remaining deer healthier, bigger and more fertile, sheltered among trees in bitter winters and not dying from cruel starvation.

The trouble with the deer-culling debate is that most members of the lay population identify them too closely with Bambi, and cannot bear the thought of those wide and innocent eyes falling prey to the hunter's gun. Even hard-hearted countrymen have to look the other way.

We live in an area where a small, but growing, herd of deer wanders from wood to wood, trampling and grazing corn and crops as they go. A local shot (sufficiently skilled to guarantee a clean kill) attempted to control them. There was an outcry. "We like to see the deer coming through", was the popular opinion, even among farmers whose crops were threatened.

However, as Mrs Stevenson points out, if the gun is never raised the consequences can be disastrous. And who shall we blame? Walt Disney?

However, before we get too gun-happy, let us take note of a card from Stephanie West, of Hertford College, Oxford:

I wonder if you could discover the results of an experiment reported in The Times *in 1984 of a Scottish landowner (acting on Israeli advice) who had started using lion droppings from Edinburgh zoo to keep red deer off his winter barley. Has the practice spread? How often are fresh droppings required?*

Or did the landowner get, perhaps, a little too close with his collecting bucket, and go the way of Stanley Holloway's *Albert and the Lion?*

Just in case anyone thinks that the balance of nature is being tipped in favour of the hunter to the detriment of the animal, Anne Timmis, who lives in the Ardeche, a boar-hunting region in southeast France, writes to tell me of abundant pastis, extended lunches, and a trailer for the dogs made from a 2CV van cut in half. However, she notes that at the end of the day, the boar more often than not "celebrate their survival and spend the night digging up someone's vegetable garden. Strangely, they never choose one cultivated by a member of the hunting association".

It was this correspondent who came across the amorous grass snakes tangling with each other in the middle of the road, which she describes as the unsafest sex imaginable.

By the way, more good news on tar. G.S. Stoney, of Winchester, Hampshire, writes:

I went out and painted a piece of wood (about 4ft-5ft long) with creosote and placed it in the middle of the vegetable patch. Since then (three nights now), there has been no sign of visiting rabbits.

Incidentally, a neighbour tells me that he has managed to deter some rabbits by scattering ashes.

But whose?

Since I raised the subject of Granny's Remedies in my weekly column and the value of them, not only am I now fully equipped to dispense grandmotherly medicine, but readers have also reminded me that many of these remedies were used as often on animals as on fellow humans. Andy Catley, writing from Edinburgh, says:

During the past few years I've been working in the Horn of Africa. Most of this work has been with isolated communities. The importance of livestock to these people is reflected in the common saying "if our animals are healthy, we are healthy".

Traditional remedies exist for both animal and human ailments, and in many developing countries these remedies are actually being used and promoted. With other vets, I've just set up a charitable organisation which aims to promote ethnoveterinary practice.

And Sue Eldin, writing from Wapping, east London, tells us that she to supports my previously expressed concern that ancient remedies are disappearing fast. She writes:

I am happy to tell you that European Herbal Medicine (no connection with homeopathy or Chinese medicine) is all alive and well in this NHS centre. I work in conjunction with a team of five GPs who regularly refer patients to the centre.

Granny would be pleased. This area of rurally based medicinal knowledge is one we should perhaps pursue, and your letters on this subject are welcome. You never know, we may come up with an ointment which we can rub on an inflamed Valerie Page, of Ampthill, Bedfordshire. She writes briefly and crisply:

Have you any idea how repetitive and tiresome your townie-bashing is?

Sorry! But urban dwellers are not reticent in passing opinion on country matters, and we must be allowed our shout, too. We are fewer and, therefore, must be noisier.

Heather Shute and Gill Chowns, for example, writing from Oxfordshire, will aggravate Ms Page further:

We have composed a short list of how to recognise approaching townies when out in the fields and byways:
1. They cannot get through barbed wire without damaging themselves.
2. They don't like walking through a field of cows.
3. They wash the mud off their wellies when they get home.
4. They climb over the wrong end of gates.

Then, in the interests of fairness to both sides, they make the following suggestion:

Other readers might like to add to this list. Or perhaps someone could start a list of how to recognise country-dwellers in towns.

I look forward to a bulging postbag from both sides.

Rabbit destruction, page 13

WRITE TO PAUL HEINEY

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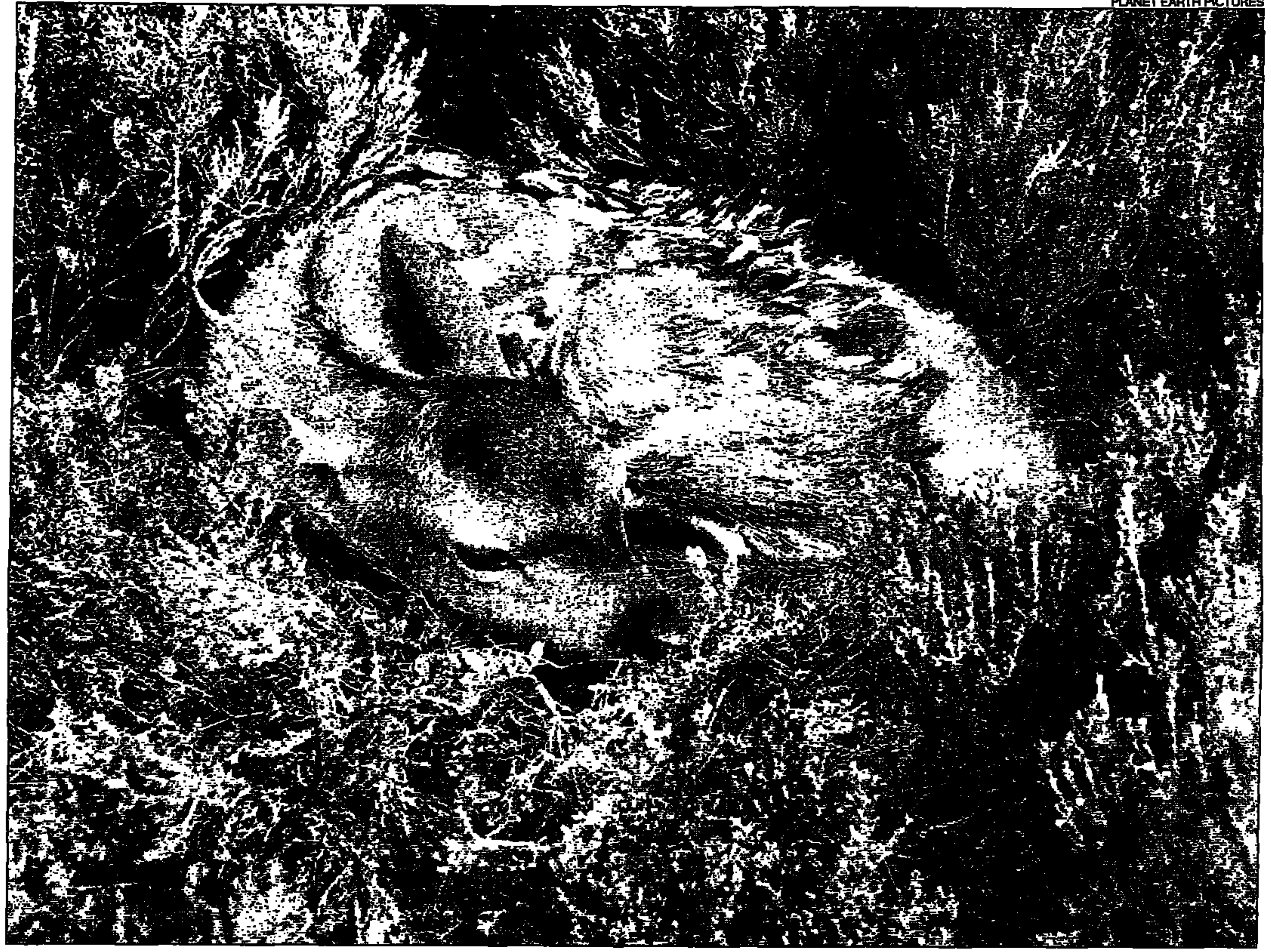
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The Bambi syndrome: deer often devastate their own environment — but at the mention of a cull local people object, saying they like to see the animals

ON THE SPOT: CONNEMARA

Rural recommendations

The place: Clifden, a town founded in the 19th century by the D'Arcy family near to a poor village of the same name. Based around D'Arcy Castle, the small picturesque harbour, and two churches — Catholic and Protestant. By the way, this is *Quiet Man* country.

The view: Surrounded by the Twelve Bens, miniature "Swiss" mountains, up to 4,000 feet high; at the foot green and brown heather, blending into green and red fuschia, and in the heights a daunting grey of sparkling granite. Climbers beware. On the hill above the gaily-painted houses, shops and hotels is an infamous battlefield where the opposing forces of the 1921 Troubles clashed with much loss of local life.

The appeal: To stand on the quays of Clifden Bay Harbour and look across its tidal waters to the mountainous Twelve Bens is a sobering experience. Walk down the beach road and up the hillside and there are the breaking waves of the Atlantic roaring towards Slyne Head.

Historic interest: The first radio message was sent to America from the D'Arcy Castle Radio Station. The burnt-out ruins still stand on the High Road, two miles outside Clifden. Less than a mile outside town a plaque commemorates the first non-stop flight from the United States to Great Britain (Ireland) by Alcock and Brown, both British, who flew over Clifden and landed in the bog.

Best time to visit: May, June and September when there are fewer tourists and more seats in the many jolly singing pubs. And don't forget the Oyster Festival in Galway.

OS reference: 066251 (OS Road Atlas of Ireland)

Also nearby: The Connemara National Park, deep sea fishing from Clifden harbour, Kylemore Abbey, and the principal salmon and trout fishery of Ballynahinch Castle — an excellent hotel.

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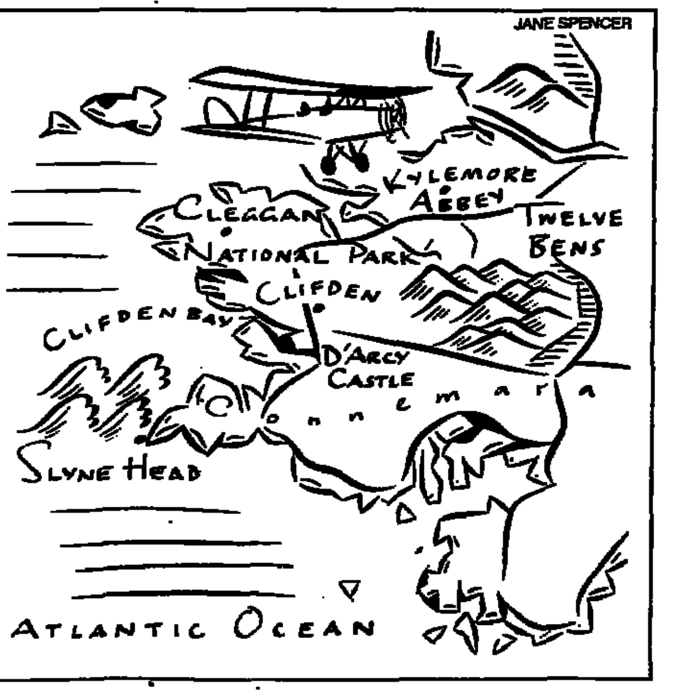
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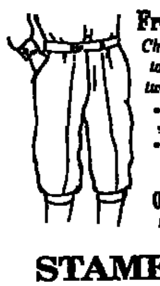

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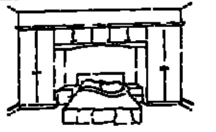

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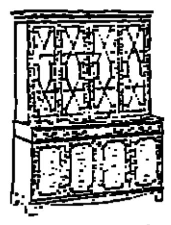

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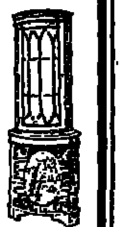

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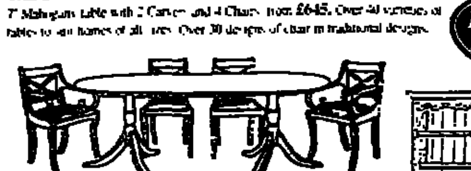

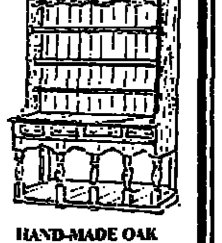

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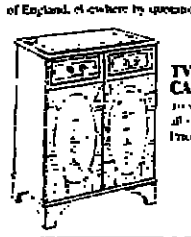

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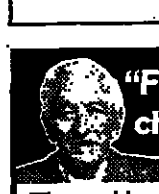

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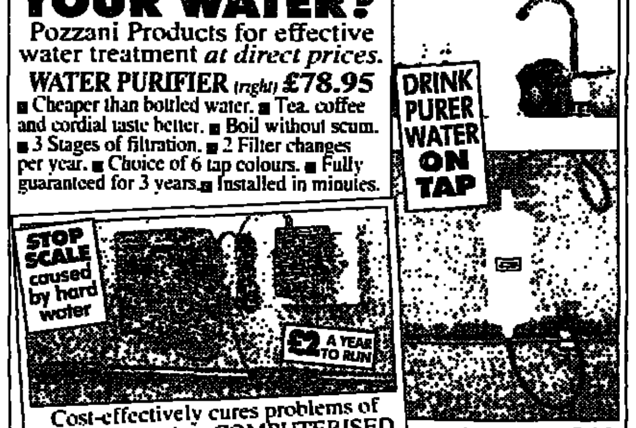

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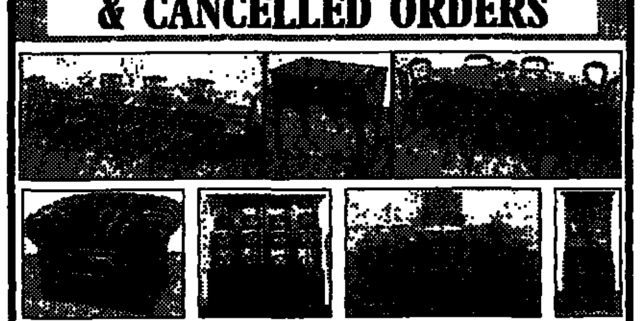

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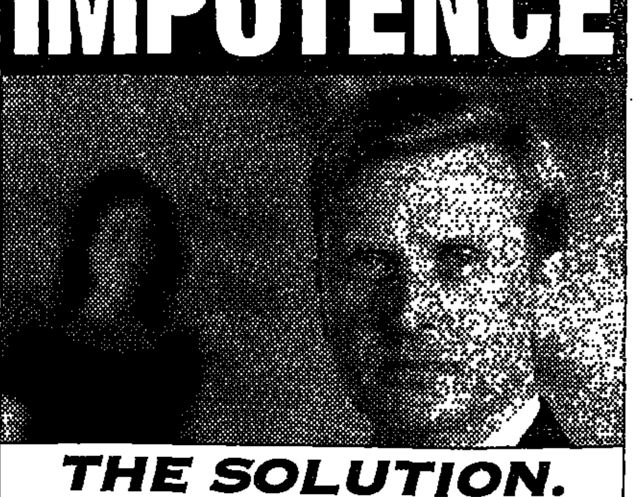

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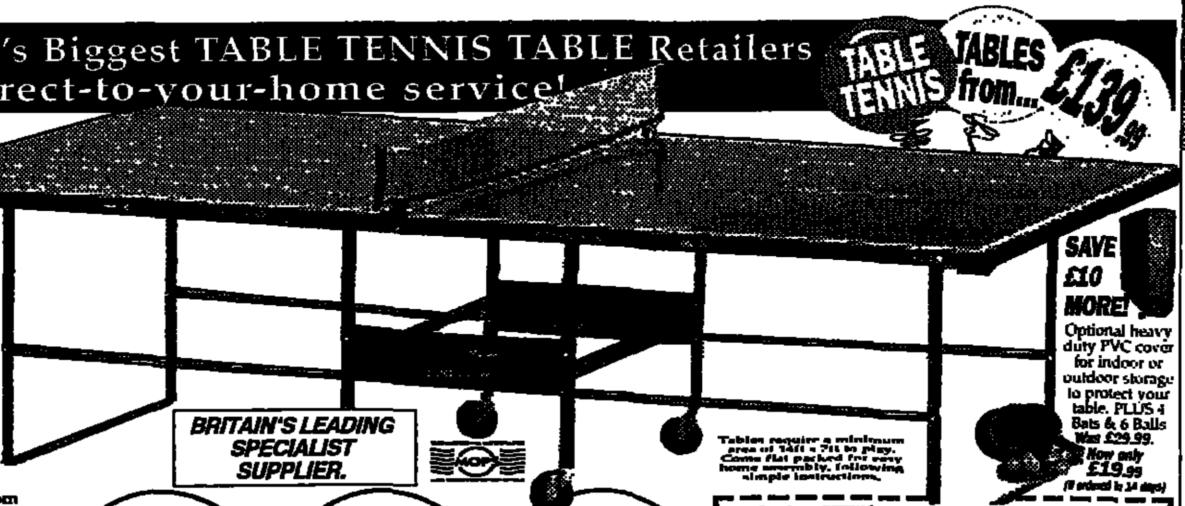

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Chalk downland in the Chilterns has been devastated by its huge population of rabbits

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Dr Graham Bellamy of English Nature on the round barrow at Knockinghoe in the Chilterns which is infested with rabbit warrens

Almost every detail on the Knockinghoe National Nature Reserve is rare and precious. It is one of the best surviving fragments of chalk downland in Britain. Its thin, springy turf contains delicate riches — moon carrot, spotted cat's ear, pasque flower, burnt tip orchid and autumn ladies' tresses. Just one thing is present in super abundance. The rabbit.

So riotously out of balance is the rabbit with all other species that, left to itself, it would pull the whole delicate ecological edifice down over its head. Already large parts of the eight and a half hectare reserve resemble the surface of the moon.

Fifteen hundred rabbits have cropped the grass crew-cut short. They scratch for roots. They scrape speculatively. Crammed onto such a small island of opportunity in an ocean of intensive farmland, they constantly burrow for more living space. This sends a cascade of soil down the slopes, which smothers some rare plants for good. But this reserve, in the Bedfordshire Chilterns, near Luton, may yet survive because here English Nature is conducting one of the most intensive campaigns yet seen against the rabbit in Britain. First the entire reserve had to be fenced, at a cost of £8,000, to keep the rabbits off adjoining farmland. Then they were trapped and shot. Finally myxamatosis struck.

For the first time in several years Knockinghoe's rabbit population has fallen. But as warden Dr Graham Bellamy walks wearily off one battlefield, he must prepare for action on two other Chilterns national nature reserves, Barton Hills and Aston Rowant. Together the three reserves constitute a quarter of Britain's best chalk grassland, a habitat severely depleted since the last war.

There are no exact figures for the number of rabbits in Britain, but estimates put this famous icon of animal fecundity close to the massive pre-myxamatosis numbers of 1955 in some areas. The annual cost to farming is certainly many millions of pounds. Perhaps nowhere in Britain is the rabbit problem more conspicuous than on the high, open chalk downland of the Chilterns which stretches north east from the Thames to near Royston, through Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. The turf, thin and worn after several dry years, is even more vulnerable. Last month estate managers, wardens and gamekeepers from the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty met for crisis talks on rabbits. Out of 30 reserves, six report high rabbit numbers. A further 16 have medium infestation. Rabbits are not only damaging nature habitats, they are undermining archaeological remains, such as long barrows and old field systems. And as the ground collapses over their excavations, they are a menace to walkers.

Rabbits were brought to Britain by the Normans for their meat and fur but escaped into the wild. For centuries countryside predators — the fox, polecat and birds of prey — kept numbers down. Today only the fox remains, and it is powerless against such huge numbers.

Once the countryside market economy helped control the rabbit. Many more people worked on the land, and the rabbit was staple fare. Today the British public is hopelessly sentimental about "cuddly bunnies" and strangely suspicious, for a nation which accepted contaminated beef, that they might be sold myxamatosis-infected meat. Tom Nevitt, a master butcher in Tame, Oxfordshire, close to the unlimited Chilterns supply, still sells locally shot rabbits, "but less than ten years ago, and considerably less than 30 years ago", he says. "Rabbits can be quite fiddly to prepare. That puts people off. You need to know how to handle it.

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Today's housewife doesn't have that knowledge. The customer has to be educated. Once they taste it, they tend to buy again. The initial purchase is the problem."

Old skills are still used. Local men who keep ferrets are allowed to work the warrens on Knockinghoe. The ferreter blocks up every hole in the burrow except one, over which he positions a net. The ferret chases the rabbits out of the burrow and into the net. A skilful ferreter can take 30 a day.

A skilled marksman, working at night by headlights, can shoot 50 to 70 rabbits a session. However vehicles cannot be taken onto some of the steep downland slopes and shooting parties have to work by day, when the bag is lower. It takes a cunning marksman to find the quarry before they develop "gun fright" and bolt underground.

Gas has been used on a quarter of the sites in the Chilterns. Cynadie or posphine is introduced into the burrow in tablet or powder form, and the outlet passages are blocked. The gas is released when the chemicals react with moisture. Gassing is effective but very expensive, and has to be used sparingly on sites open to the public. Disease is an uncertain and increasingly ineffectual control. When myxamatosis struck in 1955 it killed 99.99 per cent of rabbits but the few to escape have bred many more generations. Today, although the disease can be locally devastating, across Britain 70 per cent of rabbits are now resistant. Of the remainder, two thirds of those who contract it die. The rest survive.

Two projects may provide a limited deterrent. The Ministry of Agriculture is funding work on aversion chemicals which can safely be left in the countryside to drive off pests, including rabbits. The Central Science Laboratory is working on a possible immunocontraceptive, ingested by the female rabbit on a baited carrot.

But a Minister of Agriculture spokesman said: "They can't control the rabbit population in Australia where they are far more lenient about poisons and where they use things that would be out of order here."

GARETH HUW DAVIES

Captivated by jangling keys

FEATHER REPORT

AT THE beginning of June, the countryside is more a place of murmurs than of songs. Young blue tits and great tits are out of the nest, hiding in the depths of the foliage, and they beg their parents for food with a thin, insistent call that is one of the most typical sounds of early summer. Young blackbirds make weird, muted sounds under thick bushes.

In many cases male birds also have less time for singing, since they are helping their mates feed the young. I went looking for yellowhammers early this week, since it has been widely reported that their numbers are down, and at first I thought they had disappeared, too, from the chalky cornfields I was walking through.

I walked alongside leafy hedges of blackthorn, hawthorn and flowering wild rose, with fields of blue-green wheat or rippling, bright green barley stretching away on the other side. Some skylarks were singing overhead, but there were only occasional sounds from the hedges. A blue tit flew out, and I could hear that familiar mutter from its well-concealed offspring in a deep blackthorn. A blackbird went clattering away.

Along a thinner patch of hedgerow a whitethroat was singing vigorously, and it started making its deep, dry scolding note when I came up. I expect it had a mate on a nest deep among the nettles in the ditch. But the tinkling yellowhammer song — "A little bit of bread and no cheese" — was nowhere to be heard.

Then I caught a faint "chilp" call in the distance — the unmistakable yellowhammer call-note. I quickened my step towards the bush and heard it again more clearly. But though I circled quietly round the bush and studied it from all sides I could not see the bird. It was either sitting there quiet and motionless or, more probably, had already slipped away.

Soon afterwards, I heard another, and this time I saw it dart off and got a glimpse of its yellow head. Almost in the same moment I heard a yellowhammer song blowing faintly over the barley from the other side of the field. But by the time I got there it had vanished and never sang again.

So the yellowhammers are still around but are lying low. I shall visit the same fields again in a month or so, and I suspect all the males will be singing heartily again as they usually do in July.

I was just approaching a farm at the edge of the road I was going back to when I did hear, and see, another bird I had been looking out for — a corn bunting. These are definitely much rarer than yellowhammers now, but there it was, on the top shoot of a hawthorn bush, hurling its song at the world.

The song is sometimes compared to the sound of jangling keys, but you might also call it a metallic gargle — not beautiful, but quite unique. It flew off, with legs characteristically dangling, and perched on the top of a tall horse-chestnut tree where it sang again. I may not have had a good view that day of a yellowhammer — but I had an excellent view of its scarce, plump cousin.

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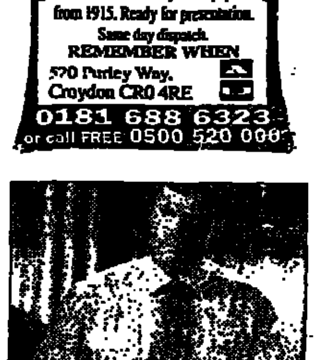

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Conservation is high on the menu at London's latest theme restaurant

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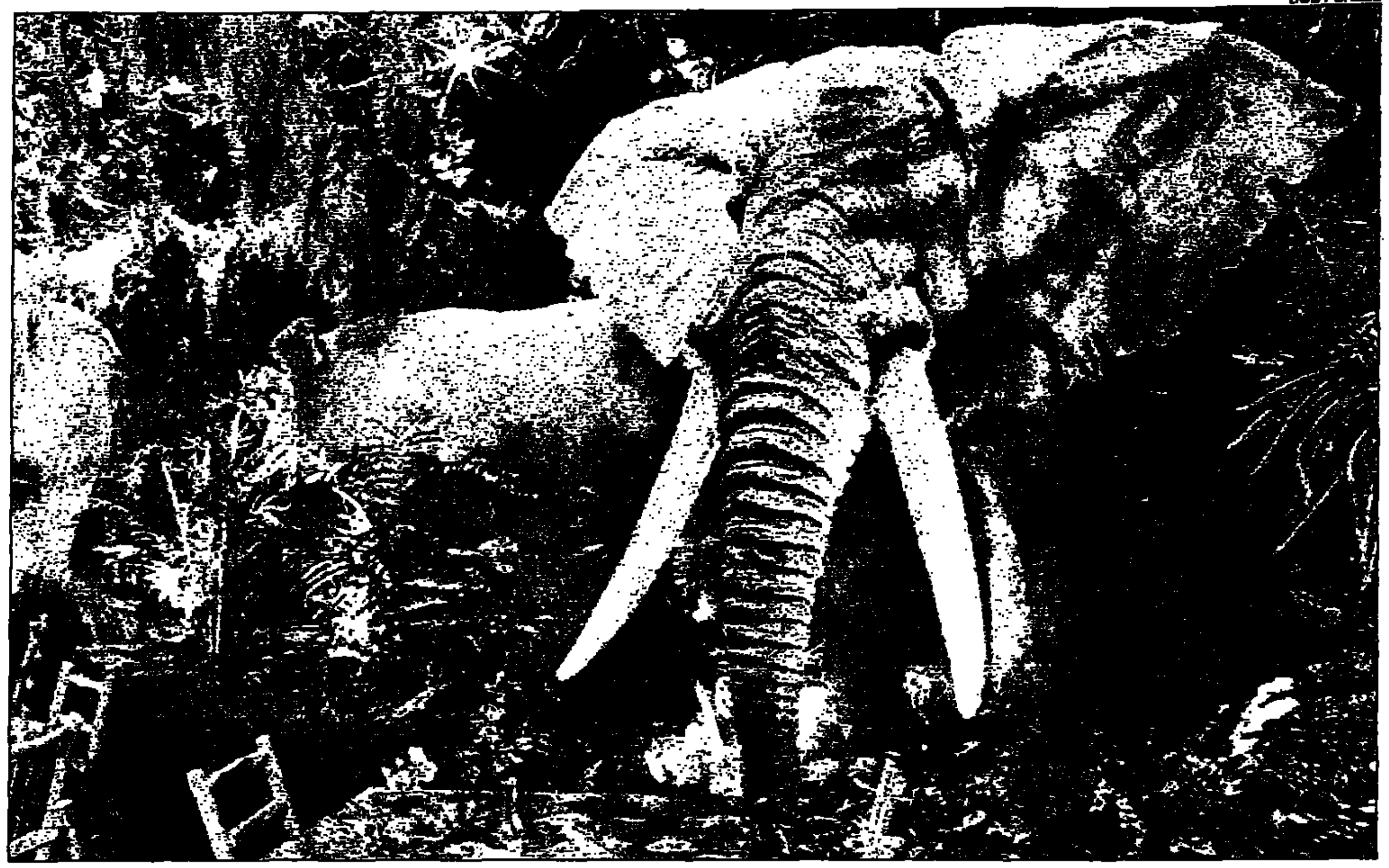

Coming soon to Shaftesbury Avenue, the Rainforest Cafe, complete with jungle decor and a realistic animated elephant

Shaftesbury Avenue is a jungle. It is hot, hostile, sticky and noisy. The faces are strained and the pavements stained. Billboards scream down at you and double-deckers rattle past. In 16 days it will be possible to dive off theatreland's No 1 street and swap this jungle for a rainforest. Not a real one. But man-made and spread over three floors — the Rainforest Cafe.

"This will blow everyone's socks off," says Richard Morris, the restaurant's general manager. "It's more a theme park than a themed restaurant. It takes themed dining to another level."

Six Rainforest Cafes have sprung up in the United States since 1993. Another ten are on the way. Walt Disney World's 650-seater in Orlando is the highest grossing restaurant in the US and a second will open there next year. On June 23, Britain's first, the 340-seat Rainforest Cafe in the Trocadero Centre will open to the public.

It follows the trend in theme eating set in London by the Hard Rock Cafe, Planet Hollywood, Fashion Cafe and the Capital Radio Cafe in Leicester Square. Other themed eateries in the pipeline include the sporty AllStar Café, The Jekyll and Hyde Horror Club, Cheers (based on the television programme) and the motor sports-mad Race Rock cafés.

Cassie Sustak and friend

"This isn't about Madonna's dress up on the wall," says Mr Morris, leading me through the Piccadilly site buzzing with shopfitters. "This is the rainforest. It's incredibly realistic. The place moves. It shakes. You don't get told 'Your table is ready'. They say 'Your safari is about to begin'."

The fun starts as you step off Shaftesbury Avenue. Everyone and everything is themed. You are shown to the tables by tour guides. The waitresses are safari guides. The line cooks are trailblazers. Sales staff are pathfinders and the barmen are navigators.

First on the right is a raised area with eight parrots, a habitat curator, Cassie Sustak, and three handlers known as habitat personnel.

Here you find talks on threatened species and fallen forests. The birds — macaws, cockatoos, greys and amazons — are on display from 11am to 7pm (but for no longer than two hours each). The American experience has shown that question-and-answer sessions with the public can last 10 minutes to an hour. "People are fascinated by parrots," says Ms Sustak. "I teach about forest devastation, animal smuggling and about slash-and-burn cultivation."

Is it good for them to be there? "Some people don't like birds in a cash'n'wrap, serving environment but what they're doing for their species is incredible," she enthuses. The restaurant plans a schools' outreach programme and coins thrown into the shop front wishing well, inhabited by a 4m latex crocodile which growls and lunges, will go to charity — about $30,000 (£20,000) per café each year in America.

And besides, Sustak says, these parrots are seriously spoilt. Their custom-made living quarters have sound systems playing weather noises; showers that simulate tropical rain and vents that filter the air 25 times an hour. "They have some of the cleanest air on the planet," she says. However, there is little chance of a parrot landing on your plate — their wings are trimmed and the food is served on two separate floors.

The all-over rainforest canopy gives the £5 million café its lush and dark appeal. The shopfitters have fixed five types of vine — 5,709 garlands with 247,054 leaves — into the rockwork and suspended ceiling. Most of the vine is fake, some is real. Flowers are drilled and wired into the wall — purple birds of paradise, white orchids and orange cannalily. There are bunches of dracaena cordyline, maranta bush and capsensia spray which add jumble to the density. Patches of moss are stuck into place and banyon trees are sculpted down and darkened over. You can hardly see the knife'n'fork service areas. "It's an exaggerated rainforest," says a shopfitter who has helped fit out the American cafés.

Dotted in the undergrowth are papier mâché iguanas, frogs and owls. Elsewhere you will spot larger animatronics. They jerk into life with bobbing heads, swishing tails, blinking lashes and rolling eyes: a 5m boa constrictor drapes with intent on a branch; a 250lb silverback gorilla rears up on two feet.

There will be a background soundtrack of rainforest noises. At other times the samba beat plays. But every 20 minutes the rumble in the jungle intensifies. Thunderclaps boom. The rainwalls mist and downpour and 1,152 fibre-optic stars flicker as shooting stars fly across the ceiling.

"When the rainwalls chug down, the thunder starts up and the monkeys start thumping, this place is total movement, man," says the shopfitter. "I've seen children run straight to the Mushroom Bar."

Oh yes, the food. The average spend looks to be £15-£20 each, and the menu sounds challenging. It is a world fusion of jungly-sounding dishes including Amazon Flatbread, Jungle Chowder, The African Wind, Gorillas in the Mist, Rasta Pasta, Jamaica, Me Crazy! and Jurassic Chicken Tidbits.

"We spent two and a half years developing the menu," says Steven Schussler, American founder of the Rainforest Cafe concept. "People come to us once for the wow factor but they come back for the food. The Rainforest Cafe will be very, very hot in London. It's for the whole family. And if it does nothing else — nothing else — it wakes people up about rainforests. It gives people a message."

ALEX WIJERATNE

● *Rainforest Cafe, 20 Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (0171-434 3111)*

A VET WRITES

Q What is "orf"? We saw an advert offering orphan lambs at £10 each and thought one would be a lovely present for our daughter Jane's 9th birthday. Then a nurse friend told us sheep could infect children with orf which is a disfiguring disease. But she didn't seem to know any more. Is there a risk?

A Orf is an infectious dermatitis of sheep and goats caused by a virus. Young lambs and kids develop sores on the lips which makes suckling painful so they don't thrive. The virus can be transmitted to anyone handling infected sheep causing a long lasting dermatitis, usually on the hands or face. And when the infection finally clears up a significant scar may be left behind. Orf apart, I'm unhappy about a "pet" lamb reared outside a flock. The lamb grows up believing he's a woolly human and a solitary full grown sheep can become a pariah. We bottle feed a few lambs every year, because my son keeps 150 ewes. The orphan lambs learn that we provide milk from a bottle, but because they live and sleep with other sheep they become real sheep at weaning.

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Tidy gardens that reap a terrible toll

Poisons, plants and many other unexpected dangers await our pets

GAY STURROCK

It makes a pretty sight on a sunny day. A dog catching a stick in a well-planted garden, a cat watching a bit of mowing and strimming, perhaps a pond stocked with fish. But serious dangers lurk in the garden and the scene could rapidly change to a choking dog, or a cat with a torn leg, or a few suffocated fish below the surface — anything but a pretty sight.

Vets are used to seeing animals who have come to grief in their own gardens. It is rarely poisonous plants which cause the problems, but people and their garden practices. Cats and dogs are not vegetarian, so the chances of their being attracted to toxic plants such as deadly nightshade or cuckoo pint are extremely slight, according to James Allcock, the *Times* vet.

"You might get the odd stupid puppy who will eat some laburnum seeds or some yew, but it's very rare," he says. "Slug pellets are the big danger and kill a lot of dogs every year. You actually need one here, one there. The idea isn't to make mountains of pellets so the slugs climb to the top, fall off and break their necks. Having said that, most poisonings happen because the pet has eaten the pellets in the garden shed.

"Pets and hedgehogs lose legs to mechanical tools, such as mowers and strimmers. Various sprays and herbicides, which would be dangerous if animals drank them, can be used quite safely if you follow the instructions and act sensibly. Thorn trees and bushes rarely bother animals."

If we have a hot summer, most vets will expect to see two or three cases a day of dogs hurt by the spiky seed case of bearded barley, which causes acute pain and abscesses in paws, and in the ears of long-eared breeds like spaniels. This is usually a problem in untended gardens.

> 'Slug pellets are the big danger and kill a lot of dogs each year'

Small balls thrown for dogs to catch can get stuck in the back of their throats. Sticks are no better. In wet weather they may land vertically in the mud and also end up in a dog's throat. If sticks are chewed they can get wedged across the roof of the animal's mouth.

It is easy to think fish are fine in their ponds, but lack of oxygen in still, hot weather can kill them. Grass clippings covering the surface of the water are a particular danger. Movement of the water — with a stick or with a hose aimed from overhead — is the answer.

Dr Tony Andrews, a veterinary consultant with an interest in poisons, says pets are attracted by the meal in which slug pellets are dressed, and also by the bait element of rat and mouse poison. Poisoned rat and mouse carcasses can harm pets who try to eat them, as well.

"To be fair to the manufacturers," he says, "the safety instructions are printed on the box. The best guideline is to think of animals as being like children. Both are inquisitive and exploratory."

The weedkiller Paraquat used to be top of Dr Andrews's garden dangers list. He says it is considerably less dangerous now that it contains an emetic (a vomiting agent), but should still be locked away.

Watch out as well for wasp and bee stings on pets' faces and paws. Remember, a dog may eat a bee, and some animals are allergic to wasp and bee stings, just as some people are," he says.

There are few dangers for animals in ordinary garden ponds, he says, though a dog seizing a toad in its mouth may be poisoned by toxin-secreting glands in the toad's skin.

"And animals can drown in swimming pools. The water is much deeper and the sides are too smooth to scramble up," he says.

"Indoor gardeners with cats should beware the plant dieffenbachia, also known as dumb cane. Cats get a taste for it. Most survive, but it can be lethal."

Roger Vincent of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) says fences and gates are also important.

"It is practically impossible to keep a cat in, but it is worth keeping in mind that there may be dangers in the neighbouring gardens," Vincent says.

"Barbecues are a danger to small children and animals. Sometimes they are precariously positioned, and the coals stay hot for a long time after the food is cooked."

JILL PARKIN

Safety first for creatures

- ■ Keep slug pellets and garden chemicals in a locked tin box. When you put pellets and rat poison down in the garden, hide them away in a piece of narrow old pipe or something similar.
- ■ Do not turn your fountain off when you go away: it could be keeping your fish alive.
- ■ If a stick is wedged across the roof of your dog's mouth, don't pull it. Push it: the mouth roof widens towards the back.
- ■ When you've used herbicides or other chemicals, keep your pets away from the area for a few hours. Then it's safe for them to go out again.
- ■ Use mechanical tools when the pets are not around.
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'I wouldn't dream of ruining my weekend lie-in, but men will sacrifice anything for their hobby – which shows how foolish they are'

Why men always go to the dogs

LIFE AND SOUL

GINNY DOUGARY

Did you know that the Metropolitan Line used to go all the way out to Verney Junction *and Brill*, but now only goes as far as Amersham? And that if you laid all the Tube track end to end the distance it would cover would be 408 kilometres? And how about this little humdinger: St John's Wood is the only Tube station which does not contain any of the letters in the word "mackerel".

Our nine-year-old son has become a trainspotter and a tyrannical collector of trivia. Every car journey is an odyssey around the back page of the *A-Z*: each station spotted must be traced and identified on the Tube map, to be memorised and stored for such a time, presumably, when he appears on *Mastermind* (or its descendant), special subject: The London Underground. It is simply inconceivable that a nine-year-old girl would have such an obsession.

His parents think of themselves as running an impeccably non-sexist household, but there is nothing more blokeish than having a hobby. When my mother gave her grandson a slender burgundy-coloured book called *The Metropolitan Line: A Brief History* by Charles E. Lee, F.C.I.T. — a London Transport Publication, copyright London Transport Executive 1972, price 25p — little did she realise that she was catapulting our son into fully fledged manhood.

Men have hobbies; women have friends. Men join clubs; women form their own. The obituaries of esteemed men are studded with details about their adventurous or recondite pastimes: sky-diving and motorcycling mingle with Mozart and exotic orchid collections. The extra-curricular activities of illustrious dead women, in contrast, tend towards the noble and community-minded — there is rarely the sense of an interest pursued purely for the sheer, unadulterated pleasure of it.

Men can make a hobby out of anything at all. The writer Bill Bryson, for instance, "collects" preposterous English place names: Pratt's Bottom and so on — which doesn't stop him being snooty about a train*talker* (something worse than a trainspotter since, like our darling son, he believes in inflicting his information on others) whom he meets on his travels.

The last time I touched on gender differences, when I suggested that heterosexual men (unlike women) hardly ever go out to dinner *à deux*, the subject provoked a lively correspondence. One letter-writer from Hampstead informed me that he and his best mate were keen on footie, beer, women and Eddie Izzard, but also enjoyed a "nice, cosy, quiet dinner in a nice little restaurant" together once or twice a week — even, indeed, on Valentine's Day — before going home to their wives. Women, he wished to say in a friendly way, don't have the monopoly on "quality" friendships.

A gentleman from Sussex, who welcomed the debate as a distraction from post-operative tedium, wrote to me from hospital with some insights into the differences between male and female friendships. "In observing women I acknowledge that they may appear to have more fun (than men) not least because females can let their hair down without getting drunk." In his experience, men do not discuss intimate relationships, particularly those with their wives or girlfriends. Nor do they boast." There was a man with very small handwriting who wrote from Lancaster to agree with me that it was unusual for men to invite one another round to their homes for dinner, "unless picking up fish and chips on the way back from the pub to hear some records or watch *Match of the Day*". He went on to ask why women are so bad at forming clubs when "men have clubs for every conceivable thing. The conclusion must be that men enjoy the company of other men more than women enjoy the company of other women."

As someone who can barely meet up with a group of women without forming a club, I would have to disagree. These are not clubs in the institutional Pall Mall sense, but gatherings of like-minded souls who meet up informally for a meal. In case I stand accused of making a universe out of my own small world, almost every woman I meet belongs to a reading club; surely the contemporary equivalent of the needlepoint circle.

In an untypical week, I might be fortunate enough to be a guest at the Lady Novelists who Lunch Club, there will be dinner with The Velvet Club (a group of women interviewers who all happened to be wearing velvet the first time we met), lunch with the ironically titled Hockey Club (set up by a headhunter turned redundancy counsellor — what a sign of the times — and her artist girlfriend; other unsporty members include a publisher, film maker and comedienne) and, perhaps, a knees-up at the more drably named, but infinitely more worthy Women in Journalism.

Contrast this with my husband's week, which *is* typical: squash on Monday, gardening course on Wednesday morning and Tai-chi in the evening, piano class Friday evening, and football with the Battersea Barbarians on Sunday morning. Now I wouldn't dream of ruining my weekend lie-in for one of my "clubs", but men — you see — will sacrifice anything for their hobbies. Which just goes to show that women are sensible and men are foolish.

Don't you agree?

'There must be a part of me that hopes, otherwise I'd give up'

Jane McCarthy reports on how a family adjusts its entire life and expectations when a devastating accident arrives — literally as a bolt from the blue

One year ago today the unthinkable happened to 16-year-old James Pugsley. It was Friday evening and a thunderstorm was raging over the Wiltshire village of East Knoyle. James was helping the local farmer bring in his herd of cows — when a bolt of lightning struck him directly through the heart. Just yards away the farmer and his wife heard an almighty bang and watched in horror as the boy burst into flames and dropped to the ground.

That, you might think, was *the tragic end of a teenage life*, but against all the odds James is back home with his family. However, his is not some story of a miracle cure; rather, James's survival is probably more devastating to his family than the grief at his sudden death might have been.

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James when at Gillingham School, Dorset, before the accident. He was deep in GCSEs when it occurred

Resuscitated four times by paramedics at the scene and on arrival at the Accident and Emergency department at Salisbury District Hospital, his mother Yvonne says he was, in effect, dead for a total of 20 minutes. This has left him 70 per cent brain damaged. In neurological terms he moves between a persistent vegetative state (PVS) and one of low awareness, which means he has been left unable to speak or move. Although he breathes independently, he has suction tubes in his throat because he cannot swallow and he is fed liquids through a tube in his stomach.

At best, when he is in low awareness, he can focus and follow movements around the room with his eyes. He has some sense of hearing and taste, but as to his emotional and intellectual capacity one can only wonder and fear. At times his face struggles to form itself into an expression that his mother and those closest to him can interpret as a smile, a grimace or a wince — indications, they say, of physical and cognitive awareness. Otherwise his communication is limited to blinking.

Mrs Pugsley is not one for over-estimating his capabilities or clinging on to false hopes; she faces harsh reality with unflinching resolve, but what remains of her son she loves and nurtures. "I can tell when he's in pain just by looking at him," she says, "and if I tickle him I can feel the same resistance, the fight inside him just as it always would have been. I can still hear his voice, too, which makes it worse, and I often know what he would be saying." On one terrible occasion, while James was still at the Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability in London, she showed him a photograph of himself clearing snow in a tractor six months before his accident. He cried.

To have survived the past year has been a test of endurance for both James and his family. The lightning left him with full depth (to the bone) burns around his ribcage and pelvis, requiring reconstructive surgery with skin grafts and a month in intensive care. He is subject to spasms and is at continual risk of chest and urine infections. Loss of muscle tone has led to shortened tendons in one arm and curvature of the spine puts pressure on his internal organs.

All this means 24-hour nursing care and a rigorous timetable of physiotherapy, drugs, tube feeding and suctioning. The fact that he was back home after just seven months, confounding all medical opinion, is a testament to his mother's determination and to the generosity of local people who raised £24,000 towards the cost of a specially designed extension to the family home.

'Something like this tests people's belief in a just world. With no one at fault, blame can be turned on oneself'

On that fateful evening of June 7 the lives of James Pugsley, his parents, 15-year-old brother Karl and eight-year-old sister Martine were changed beyond recognition. The circumstances of their case may be unique but the trauma is becoming increasingly common. Advances in medical technology have led to more patients surviving serious injury or accident but with a high degree of disability, and many children who would once have died at birth or in infancy are surviving longer with a whole range of terminal and degenerative illnesses.

The burden of care invariably falls on the family, for whom the implications are enormous. "The emotions involved are very similar to those in the bereavement process because it's a life-changing experience," says Carol Youngs of Contact-a-Family, a support network for families in this situation.

Watching a child exist in a severely restricted state is extremely disturbing for all concerned and the grieving goes on indefinitely. Death is expected but unknown; it is to be both dreaded and welcomed, because only when that release comes can a family really start to come terms with their loss. As Mrs Pugsley notes: "We lost James a year ago. But we have got to lose him twice and it will be even worse losing that last bit of him."

Alison While, Professor of Community Nursing at King's College London and author of two studies of families in similar circumstances, recalls one case where parents took their children home to die soon after birth: "The child is now 17. *That family had been on* hold for 17 years. The mother said she was inured to death."

The impact on the family is immense whatever the cause of the child's condition, but the suddenness of an event such as lightning contributes to the stress. Andrew Worthington, a clinical neuro-psychologist at Grafton Manor Brain Injury Unit, Northampton, explains: "Something so unpredictable as this does test people's belief in a just world and, with no one at fault, the blame can be turned on oneself." Professor While agrees: "Guilt is common with accidents. The role of a mother is to protect and care for her children and nurture them into adulthood. Our studies suggest that the older the child, the greater the cost emotionally and psychologically. You can see them on the brink of independence and yet their adulthood will remain unfulfilled."

James's mother knows that feeling all too well: "You think you can protect your children from everything, but there's always something you miss." Anger is probably what drives her now — anger and bitterness with the medical profession, God, bureaucracy in the health service, meanness in the benefits system, some parents and their casual attitudes, psychologists and James's peers who still have their lives ahead of them. This is tempered by a keen sense of humour, a devotion to James and an understanding of herself and of her family's needs.

Marital breakdown is higher than average among families in this situation, partly because the different ways in which each partner responds to the situation make it harder to be mutually supportive. Professor While reports that "whereas mothers tend to want to talk about their child, fathers do not. They often have in their work another structure to their life, outside the home, while a mother may devote her whole day to the constant bind of caring and the need to be needed. Her husband and other children can slip away while the mother and sick child develop an ever closer relationship."

In the Pugsley household James's mother acknowledges the truth of this: "I know my husband Trevor thinks I'm an obsessed mother because I want to do a lot of the nursing myself. We did go away for a weekend together but I felt like a fish out of water — worrying because no one knows James like I know him. And he can't speak for himself." Deep down, she says, her husband cannot accept what has happened. "He is very possessive about James's things — no one is allowed to touch his collection of model diggers and tractors. It's his way of preserving what was before."

Mrs Pugsley worries for him and for their other two children. Karl has had trouble sleeping and has been in fights at school with children saying his brother would be better off dead, while Martine has developed a phobia of fire and a tendency to sit silently rocking and staring into space.

No one knows the long-term effects on the siblings of severely disabled children, but in the short term there is the risk of emotional and behavioural problems and under-achievement at school. But for some, Professor While reports, it can be a positive experience: "It strengthens them and they learn independence. If they get too involved with the caring they risk losing their own childhood."

Karl and Martine play their part willingly and are increasingly competent at the many tasks. The bond between the children is still strong: Martine will cuddle up with James to watch television or clamber over him playing with her Barbie dolls, and their mother has noticed Karl becoming more relaxed in the way he talks to James.

It is only in her dreams that Mrs Pugsley sees herself walking away. "You have to live with what's real. Hope just lets you down, but there must be a part of me that hopes, otherwise I'd give up. Kids are for life. I just wish I could turn the clocks back."

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James Pugsley, 17, with his brother Karl, 15, and sister Martine, 8. To have survived the past 365 days has been a test of endurance for the family

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Wherever I sling my hammock

Honduras has spectacular Mayan remains, beautiful islands and charming people

It could not last. I had been travelling thousands of miles making dozens of hair's-breadth connections without a hitch. Something was due to go wrong. The plane out of Miami made a pass at San Pedro Sula, Honduras, then thought better of it and set down at Belize. We tried again. The pilot bravely announced we would be on the ground in 12 minutes. He dived into cloud but swept back up out of it. We flew back to Miami and another night in an airport motel. Next day we made it.

This is not a whine but a warning. Travel to and around Honduras is erratic. Most roads are untarred and the ones that are made up regularly peter out. Things had been made worse on my trip by intense rain, so heavy that chunks of such motorway as there is near San Pedro were occupied by poor wretches camping under palm leaves and plastic. On my second last day I waited five hours at La Ceiba airport to make the hop back to San Pedro. It was cloudy and raining but there were no announcements. As I was ready to give up and check into a hotel we were cleared for take-off, though what had improved in the weather I could not see.

Gross national poverty is one reason why the roads are shabby and the airports badly equipped. But there is something in the Honduran mood, a cast of mind which says, "There is no hurry: tomorrow will do." The macaw is a national symbol, but I would go for the hammock. Every home has one and hammocks represent perfectly the local, truly laid-back style of life.

Something else that made me edgy at first was the custom which has every *campesino* carry a fearsome-looking machete wherever he goes. I soon learnt this was an all-purpose tool, used for everything from chopping firewood to peeling an orange. You quickly get used to it. Less visible but more worrying is the habit of carrying guns. Restaurants, even hospitals, announce they will not serve customers who are armed.

However, I must say I saw no violence. Charm is part of the national character. If you are a stickler for timetables, you will find Honduras hard to bear. If you are patient, there are rich rewards: Mayan temples, wildlife, jungles, Caribbean beaches, friendly folk.

Spectacular is not a word to use lightly but it is the only one that will do for the Mayan ruins at Copan. They are massive, ceremonial, with a great many staircases, strange carvings and hieroglyphs. I was especially intrigued by the playing field for *pelota*, more ritual than game. Apparently those taking part could use all their bodies except their hands and feet. The idea was to keep the heavy "ball" from hitting the ground.

When it was over, I gather, somebody was sacrificed, perhaps the poor fellow who scored an own-goal. The ball-shaped altar is still there with the hollow into which the victim's blood is poured from his slashed throat and the groove which let his blood flow on down to the ground.

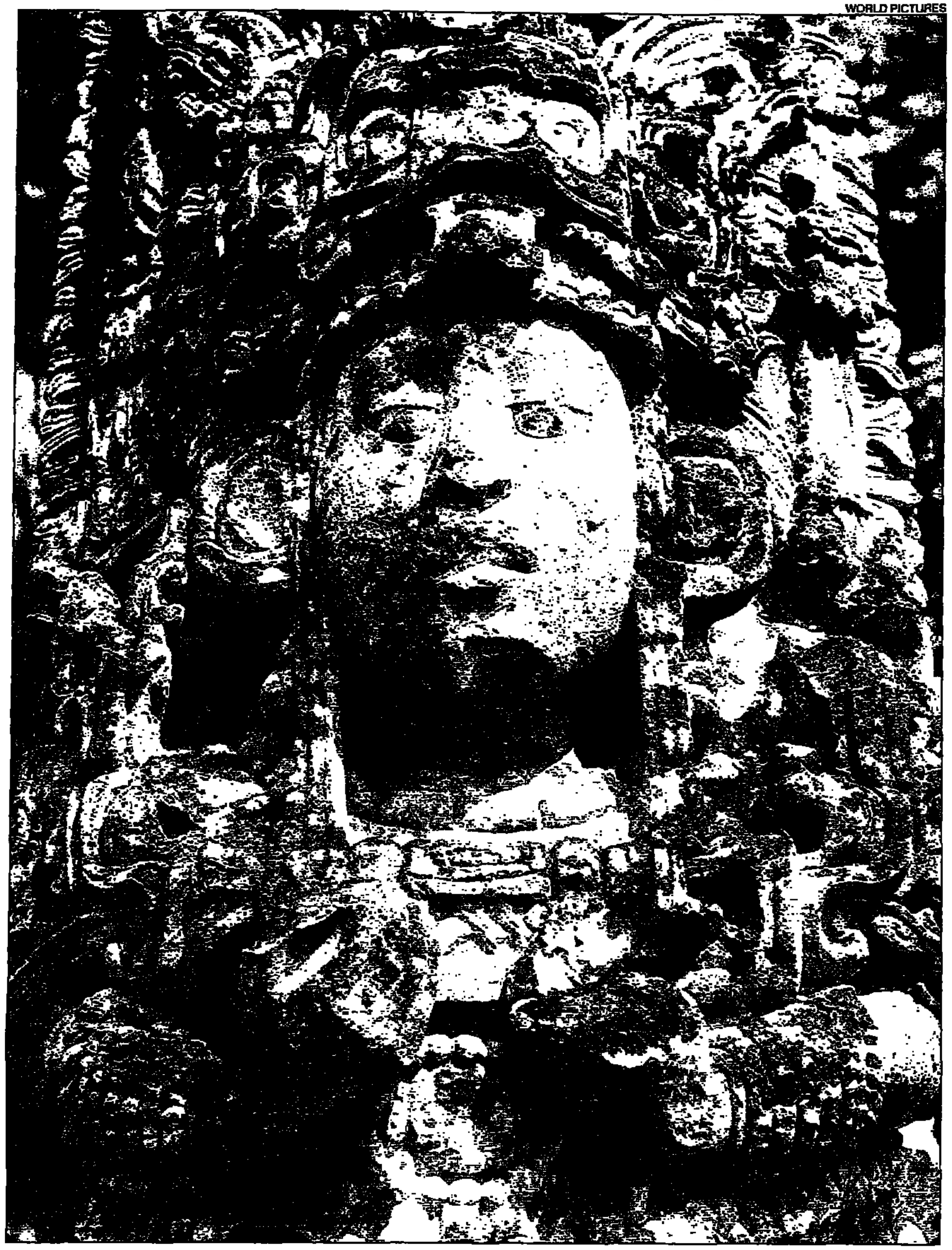
I try to imagine my way into the minds that sustained such a complex civilisation but find them unimaginable. How could a people devise a sophisticated cosmology, a calendar, a building system and a script, yet fail to stumble on the wheel? And how could they let go of it all, so that their high civilisation disappeared?

My imaginings are further confused by a full-scale model of a Mayan building in the nearby museum which is painted in the original colours of bright red, green and white. How could they be so garish, so vulgar? But then I remember that Greek temples, now liveried in a decent grey, were once painted, too.

Later the same day I visit a Chorti village. These are Mayan descendants. They are round-faced, straight-haired, Indian-looking; dirt poor but cheerful. Their homes are mud and thatch. We reach them down a track which only a donkey or a four-wheeler could negotiate. Not much in their material lives has changed since Mayan times, I guess. Except for Coca-Cola, a tepid bottle of which I buy.

Next I travelled to a rainforest by the Caribbean, the Cuero y Salado park, on the oddest railway I have ever seen — a single track along which trucks (flat-bed chassis) are propelled by small boys. On the way out they walk or run as they push, and on the way back they stand on the trucks and use poles to punt themselves along. If they are lucky they may hitch their wagons to the Standard Fruit company's engine.

There are two ways to look at any rainforest. One is to see it as a jungle: rotten, putrid, decaying. The other is to see it as a place of near-miraculous energy and invention where the death of one animal or plant is the opportunity for another. Looked at like this the jungle comes marvellously alive. Every root and branch seems to throb with vitality as new life shoves its way into the light. I see crocodiles, howler monkeys, iguanas, toucans, egrets, herons, turtles. There was also the largest butterfly I have ever seen and two unremarkable butterflies which, when they flew close, made a crackling noise like static between them. And what was that mammal-shaped shadow that slipped away? Could it have been a jaguar or a tapir?



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The ruins at Copan are massive, ceremonial, with a great many staircases, strange carvings and hieroglyphs

It is good to see a jungle reviving itself, as sections of the Jannet Kawas national park on the Caribbean coast are now doing after being invaded for its harvest of wood. The forest is becoming dense again, the soil has been replenished, native plants are returning. But people live here too, like the Garifunas, brought over from Africa to be slaves but who escaped from St Vincent 200 years ago to settle as free men in Central America. They have a thriving colony in New York and you can tell which villages have that connection: the ones with concrete houses are getting monthly cheques; those built of plants and thatch are not.

People, alas, are the chief enemy of the rainforest. How do you persuade them to stop the slash-and-burn agriculture which destroys the soil? It is not easy. One man who tries is my guide for a day, whom I shall not name. Discreetly, he carries a gun. Jannet Kawas, the campaigner after whom the park is now called, was murdered only a few months earlier. Nobody has been arrested but a certain general is said to have ambitions to develop the park for his own benefit. Law and order here can sometimes seem as thin on the ground as the soil beneath the rainforests.

I would recommend: a leisurely trip up-country to Copan for its Mayan ruins, then a few days on the coast for rivers and forests, winding up with a spell on the islands where you can be as energetic or idle as you please.

So I chose idleness at the Bayman Bay Club on the island of Guanaja, while others went off for a day's diving. The fish and the corals were excellent, they said. There are no roads on the island; you go everywhere by boat or foot. The only town occupies all of a separate, tiny islet, a congenially shabby little Caribbean Venice. At the club I had my own cabin and much sloth-inducing comfort.

I was standing at the club bar on my first night speaking English to an American. The barman immediately demanded: "Take us back." It seems Guanaja was once a British colony ceded to Honduras, though nobody knew when or why. Hondurans had done nothing for the island, my barman complained. They even made the children speak Spanish at school.

"Fetch me a Union Jack," I said imperiously. "I shall run it up the flagpole and take possession of the island in the name of the Queen. Then I shall telephone for the Royal Navy." But they didn't have a flag, which was a pity, because it seemed such a devilishly good idea at the time.

ERIC JACOBS

HONDURAS FACT FILE

■ Eric Jacobs travelled with Reef and Rainforest Tours (01803 866965). The company has several packages which mix sightseeing, adventure, sport and comfort to satisfy the bold explorer as well as the more timid sightseer. A 16-day escorted tour costs from £1,533 to include transfers, accommodation, most meals, internal flights and guided walks. International flights are excluded but range from £500-800.

■ American Airlines (0345 789789) offers daily flights to the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa from Heathrow as well as Manchester and Birmingham, via the US, from £933.

■ Apart from Tegucigalpa, the main airports are at San Pedro de Sula and La Ceiba. There is an erratic air service from La Ceiba to Utila (£15 one-way). Book locally.

■ There are sailings from La Ceiba to the Bay Islands several times a week, a two-hour crossing. Fares about £4 one-way.

■ The Utila Reef Resort has a £500 package to include eight nights' accommodation, three meals and three boat dives a day. Reservations can be made through an office in Louisiana (001 318 893 5488).

■ Almost all lodgings on Utila are within five minutes' walk from the quay. Ask for a room with a fan; expect frequent power cuts.

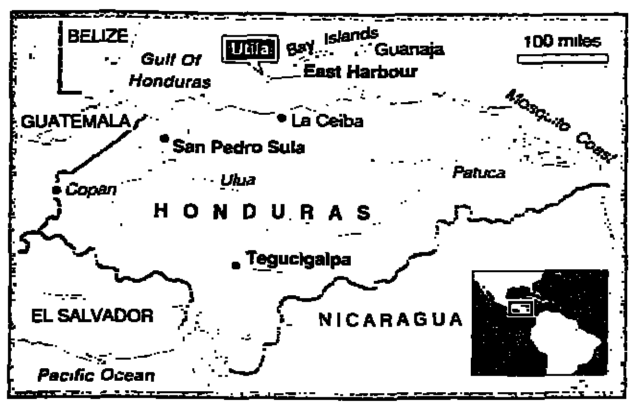
■ Honduras is driest from December to April; the wettest months are August and September.

■ No visa is required for British passport holders.

■ Vaccinations for yellow fever, cholera, typhoid and malaria are recommended.

■ The currency is the lempira, (12 to the dollar). Other currencies, except those of Guatemala and Salvador, are hard to change.

■ Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends: *Incidents of Travel in Central America, Chiapas and Yucatan*, by John L. Stephens. (Dover, Vol 1 £9.95, Vol 2 £8.95). *Mosquito Coast*, by Paul Theroux (Penguin, £6.99). *Honduras* (Ulysses, £11.50).



Fighting talk and smiles

East Harbour, the only town on the tiny Caribbean island of Utila, is enjoying a hot, quiet day. It is always a quiet day. A handful of children chase one another on wobbly old bicycles — little black girls with big orange bows in their hair and little pale-skinned white boys with red hair and freckles.

They cycle past the single wharf, where the rusty hulk of Utila's cargo boat and only ferry is slowly being unloaded. An elderly white couple, watching for nothing in particular, sit in the shade of their veranda. East Harbour is the only town on the island and you can walk around it in about ten minutes. Officially, Utila belongs to Honduras. But this predominantly English-speaking island is more a part of the West Indies than Latin America.

Most visitors come for the scuba diving, claimed to be the cheapest in the world. Some spend months on Utila, working through the range of diving qualifications and financing themselves by helping in one of the dive shops. Utila lies at the southern end of the world's second largest coral reef. As well as coral and marine life, divers explore wrecks of English pirate ships and Spanish galleons sunk in the days of the Spanish Main. A few bars near the waterfront support a small "apres-dive" scene, full of people trading tall stories of the deep. Locals hang out in the Bucket of Blood bar — named, one hopes, in honour of the island's swashbuckling past, not one of the drinks.

The island's 1,500 inhabitants include black West Indians, Garifuna, *mestizos* (Honduran mainlanders of mixed Latin and Indian origins) and whites. Most of the blacks are English-speaking West Indians, the great-grandchildren of African slaves and plantation workers. The Garifuna are descended from escaped African slaves who intermarried with local Carib Indians after their ship sank off the island of St Vincent. Establishing fishing communities on the Bay Islands and the mainland coast, they have developed a separate culture and language which mixes Spanish with strong African roots.

British settlers came here from Grand Cayman in 1830. But many claim descent from earlier buccaneers, who used the Bay Islands as bases from which to attack Spanish vessels laden with gold from the Americas. Most notorious of these was Captain Henry Morgan.

Most whites on Utila also seem to be called Morgan, including the leather-skinned ferry owner. This contemporary Captain Morgan informed us that the islanders were British. "We've spent 300 years fighting the Spanish devils, and we're still ready to kick their backsides any time," he announced.

Britain governed the Bay Islands until 1859, when they traded them to Honduras. The islanders have been slow to adjust. During the Falklands War they asked the British consulate in Tegucigalpa to liberate them from "Spanish" rule as well.

Today, Utila's communities appear to coexist peacefully. Captain Morgan's fighting talk is delivered with a grin and no one is in a hurry to kick anyone's backside. No one is in a hurry to do anything. As evening approaches, the elderly couple are still sitting on their veranda. A few people are slowly getting drunk in the Bucket of Blood. Another quiet day on Utila draws to a close.

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Top fifty tips for a great gap year

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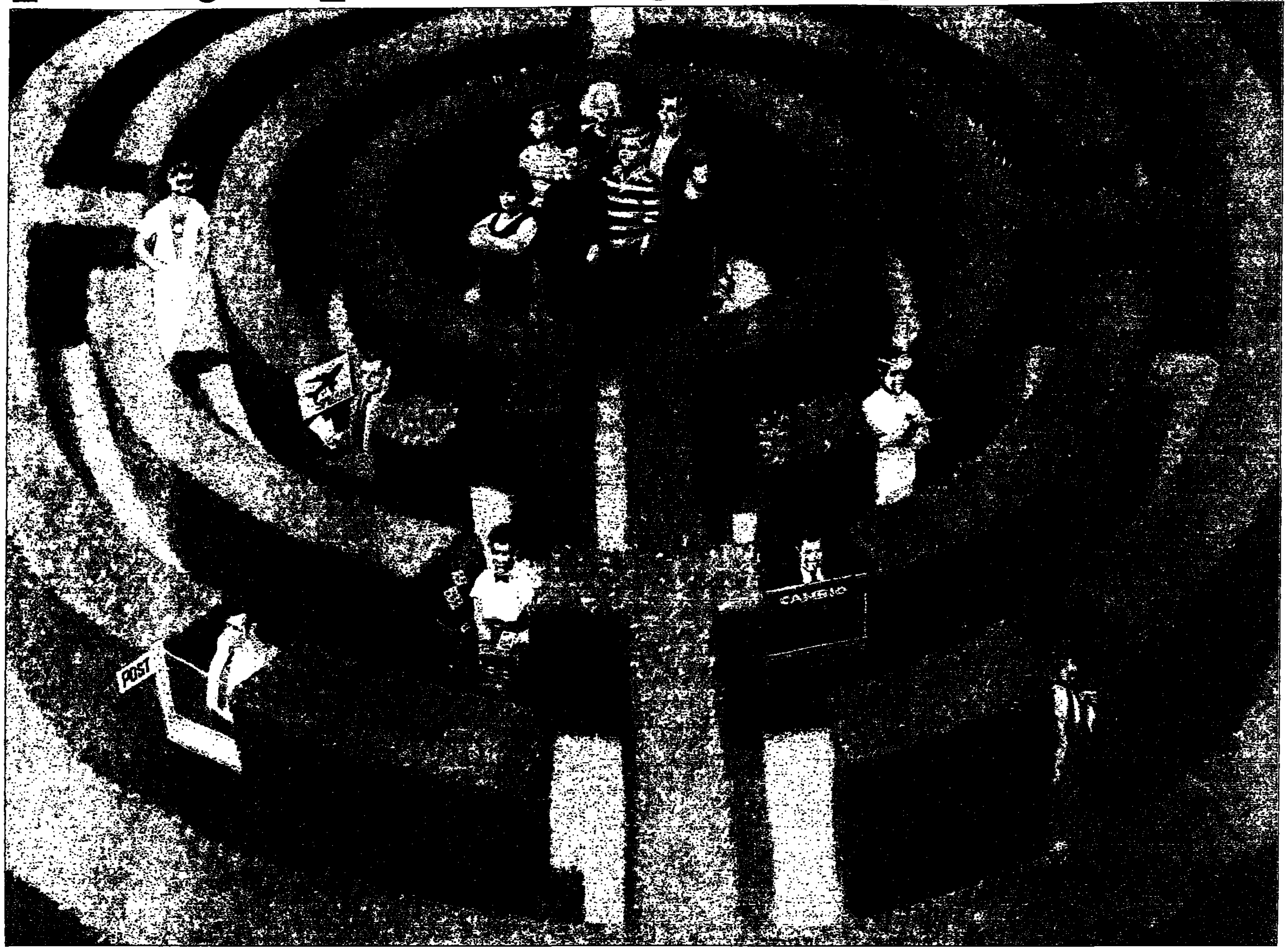

AS another academic year ends, thousands of students are starting to plan their gap year — the year off between school and university or before they start earning a living. Armed with rucksacks and their Lonely Planet and Rough Guides, they will travel the world, usually on a shoestring budget. The hints below should make it easier.

BOOKING

1. Where to go? Pick up loads of brochures today from your travel agent, and get a feel for the places that you would like to visit. Dream a while, and start to get excited. By the time that Monday comes, you should have an idea about where you'd like to go. Then make a date to see the travel agent.

2. Speak your mind. Chat to the travel agent on the phone and decide where you *really* want to go. This is especially true if you are with a travelling companion. It is your trip too. Not too keen on a certain country? Say so.

3. Do your research. Before you go to the travel agent, find out about the countries you want to see and what is there. There is no point in landing in a country just to fly out again.

4. Book early. This gives you a date to aim for, which means you can start to budget and organise your time. It also gives you no option but to get on with it all and go. Bite the bullet, book it ... there's no backing out now.

PACKING

5. Buy a backpack. Make sure you test it out first. You need a good one. You can't afford for it to fall apart. Shop around, and ask for the assistant's advice on how to pack it. Put heavy things in, and test it for comfort.

6. Pack light. Leave home with a half-empty backpack if possible. If you have to ask yourself, "Do I really need this?", then you probably don't. You will soon fill your pack up on the way round the world.

7. Think cotton. If you are going to hot countries, then the mantra "think light, think cotton" should be in your head. Cotton is not bulky, it's cool to wear and quick to dry. Take the bare minimum of clothes. You can always wait and see what everyone else is wearing out there, and then buy the same. The chances are it will be cheaper.

8. Don't forget a sarong. Yes fellas, even you. It is not just a skirt. It can also be used as a towel, a drying-up cloth, a cover for your legs when entering temples, a headscarf, a sheet, and a wrap ... Again, you will find it is cheaper to buy one overseas.

COMPANIONS

9. Who to go with? You are about to spend virtually 24 hours a day with this person. There is a saying, "You really don't know someone until you've lived with them". Well, I've got a similar one: "You really don't know how annoying your friend's sleeptalking, fussiness, smelly feet, bad breath, drunken misbehaviour, major untidiness/picky tidiness, boring stories, lousy jokes are until you've travelled with them." Don't go away together if all you have in common is your taste in men and women or both.

10. Make ground rules. This is essential. Have a "meeting" during which you get everything out in the open with no animosity. Above all, find a solution. Get this sorted before you go, over a few beers. Too many good friendships and trips have been ruined because of festering problems. If, however, you do find that you need your own space for a while, agree to having a week apart and meet up "down the road" — this is easier than it sounds.

11. Couples, beware! See previous point for further details. Travelling can be a disaster for relationships. Think carefully, as many couples break up in the middle of a trip. However, if it is a strong relationship, it is an excellent way of seeing the world.

12. Are your budgets similar? There is nothing worse than tasting the delights of crocodile steak blended with excellent local wine, washed down with exquisite desserts and liqueurs while your friend ploughs through their sixth omelette and glass of water of the week.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

13. Phone calls. There are phones all over the world now, and a ten-second call to say "I'm fine" works wonders for parents, and will hardly cost you anything. However, be cautious about regular calls because you may find your parents waiting for your call with a list of things to say while you're at a beach party on an Indonesian island. You've forgotten: and they are worrying unnecessarily. If you say you'll ring, make sure that you do.

14. Post restante. This is a well-known and effective way of getting letters to travellers overseas. If I know, for example, that Tim will be in Sydney in May, I address the envelope as: "Tim Jones, Post Restante, GPO, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia." The letter will go to the Sydney GPO where it will wait for about a month for collection. To pick it up, Tim goes along with his passport as ID. This system works well, and in some countries it will sit there for about six months for collection. Remember to put your own address on the back so that if it is not collected, it will be returned.

15. Postcards. As with telephone calls and letters, beware of sending them regularly because one may get lost on the way, causing anxiety. Putting them in envelopes ensures that they get there.

16. Change of plans. Make sure that you inform your parents and anyone else who may worry back home. It will save problems.

FOR GIRLS

17. Get a wedding ring. Whether you are married or not, this is one of the most essential items you can carry. You can slip it on and off to deal with each situation. NB It is not always worn on the left hand.

18. Unwanted attention. In the Middle East and Asia, you may find yourself being "admired" every two seconds by the local men, particularly if you are blonde. The tip is to cover up your hair so that you don't stick out.

19. Be confident. Look as if you know where you are going, even if hopelessly lost. This will be something that you will acquire with experience. Blokes also take note.

20. Tampons. Make sure you stock up, especially in less developed countries, as they are often expensive and hard to find.

BUDGETING

21. Bulk buy. Pooling resources and sharing the buying of food, toiletries and so on with friends saves money.

22. Camping. Much cheaper, and much more fun. A great way of getting to know the locals. Tents pay for themselves after only a few nights.

23. Clothes. Usually a lot cheaper in America and the less developed countries. So why not wait until you get there. Don't go berserk with all the cheap prices — just buy the clothes you need.

24. Finances. Having booked your ticket, get your calculator out. I know this is boring, but you need a budget to work with. Smoking and going out both eat into your crucial reserves, which will be better spent on that tropical island.

FOOD AND HEALTH

25. Traveller's Tummy. Or how to avoid the time spent on foreign lavatories. Lomotil and Diafed do the business. However, be careful about letting the majority of the infection out before you block it up, as you may trap it inside, where it will fester and make you ill. When recovering, it is essential to rehydrate. Sipping flat coke (recommended by many doctors) is effective.

26. Water, beware. Check for a faulty seal on the bottled water, and never buy anything without a seal. Treat ice, and salads and fruit washed in water with caution. Peel fruit.

27. Medical check-up. Go at least two months before departure for all the jabs. Ask lots of questions. They will be treated in confidence, so be adult about it, and ask away.

28. Multivitamins. Take a selection as your diet will change somewhat.

FINANCES

29. Credit cards. These are a must for they allow you access to large funds in emergencies. This is vital if you run into trouble and have to get yourself home or out of a situation straight away. Credit cards also have bonuses such as emergency numbers and the power of the huge companies behind them. They will move mountains to help you. For example, a friend of mine was very ill in India. Her friend rang the emergency number and, before she knew it, she was back in a hospital in Britain.

30. Your bank account. Sign this over to your parents, so that any unforeseen problems can easily be dealt with.

31. Travellers' cheques. It is always safer to buy in American dollars, as it is usually a strong currency all over the world. Keep track of the cheques you use, and leave the numbers and copies with your parents.

32. Banks. It is a good idea to see the manager and get advice, such as when to order travellers' cheques and whether to carry an international debit card (those bearing a Maestro or Cirrus sign), which can be used in cash machines abroad.

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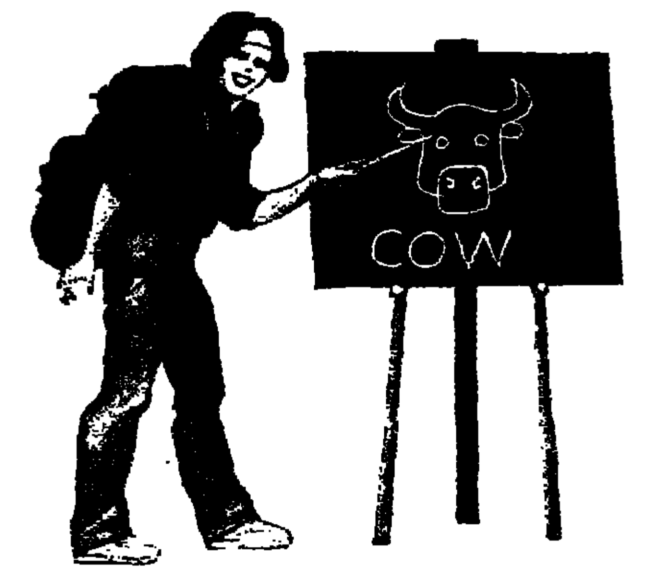

The student travel market originated in Australasia. Whereas in this country would-be students were encouraged to go straight to university, and graduates told to go straight to work, the Australians and New Zealanders were told to pursue OE (Overseas Experience).

In terms of their geographical isolation, Australasians believed then, and now, that round-the-world travel is part of a well-rounded education and an all-important factor in personal development.

The idea has finally caught on in the UK, as the CBI and Institute of Directors issue positive endorsements of gap year travel, and graduate recruiters look for details of travel or travel plans from potential applicants.

The boom in gap year travel is big business for student travel specialists.

For years, the industry has remained strong enough to support several multinational student travel companies.

Leading the way are Campus Travel and STA Travel, with Italian student travel agency CT, the Canadian student travel agency Travel Cuts, and the student-orientated agencies Council Travel and Trailfinders mopping up extra business.

Campus and STA make up part of the student pysche: expert marketing plus branches on virtually every campus in the country ensure their top spot in the student travel market place.

And, as gap year travel takes off, they are tailoring their expertise to cater for and encourage student custom.

Phil Griffiths of Campus believes the boom was bound to happen. "Long-haul travel is the area of greatest growth for us, and this is a reflection of gap year travel and a new interest in taking time out.

> 'Employers understand that travelling will bring out initiative and self-reliance'

"Travel is a conversational currency on campus, and that has always been important. But the fact that employers have taken on the idea of OE means there's never been a better time to go.

"Employers understand that travelling will bring out initiative, self-reliance and prove that students have tested themselves, have learnt to think on their feet.

"It is also the only real way to get a feel for the global village — increasingly important in the business world."

Popular destinations from the UK remain Australasia and South-East Asia. More than half of all long-haul travel sold through the student agencies is to this part of the world.

Work is easy to find, and most travellers combine travelling with time on the beach and a bit of work along the way to keep funds ticking over.

The US and, to a lesser degree, Canada, are dropping off dramatically as destinations. It has become almost impossible to find work there.

The only way for most students to work in America is to sign up for Camp America or BUNAC for summer camp work. Increasingly, students do this in the holidays rather than as gap year projects.

Japan, South Korea and the South American cities — especially Mexico City, Santiago in Chile and Buenos Aires — are hot spots for teaching English.

TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) certificates are becoming an almost natural progression for many students post-university.

If you are looking for something more active, outfits such as Raleigh International provide creative projects in exotic environments. The youth development charity is running ten expeditions next year, each of ten weeks, to Namibia, Belize, Chile, China and Uganda. The theme of the expeditions is work on community projects, environment and adventure.

Andrew Osborne, head of communications, said: "Many people spend ten months working in a supermarket and go to Benidorm. That doesn't go down too well at the university entrance interview. But if you work on projects that benefit the community, it is a good selling point."

Coral Quay, similar to Raleigh International, provides work on coral reef conservation in Belize and the Phillipines, with free scuba diving.

Buying a long-haul ticket or a round-the-world ticket from a student travel specialist will always be the best method for students and graduates.

The tickets are often cheaper than bucket shop deals, and are the only ones which can be refunded, changed and reissued from over 55 countries around the world. They can also be extended should you decide to stay on a little longer.

The ISIC card, the international student identity card, qualifies students for huge travel discounts worldwide. Students, those on a gap year before college, and graduates up until the December after their graduation date can apply for the ISIC card from Campus Travel, STA Travel or from their students' union.

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WHAT TO READ FOR WORKING ABROAD

MADE the decision to go? Decided where? Have you got enough money? Many subsidise their journey by working abroad for a spell. SARAH ANDERSON leafs through the multitude of books available that can help travellers earn while abroad.

■ Two books aimed specifically at those in their gap year are *Planning Your Gap Year* by Mark Hempshell (How To Books, £8.99), which boasts "how to have the time of your life working, studying or travelling" and *The Gap Year Guidebook 1997/98* (Peridot Press, £7.95), aimed at students, parents and schools.

■ *The Directory of Jobs and Careers Abroad*, by Jonathan Packer (Vacation Work, £10.99) is divided into three: the general approach, specific careers and worldwide employment. *The Times Educational Supplement* wrote: "No one contemplating a new job abroad should do so without consulting this comprehensive reference book."

■ *The Directory of Work and Study in Developing Countries*, by Toby Milner (Vacation Work, £8.99), is also divided into three sections: work, voluntary work and study. It lists 400 organisations in over 100 countries.

■ How to Books publishes *How to Get a Job Abroad*, edited by Roger Jones (£10.99). *The International Directory of Voluntary Work*, by Victoria Pybus (Vacation Work, £9.99), writes about voluntary placements with more than 700 organisations. It includes residential work worldwide and non-residential work in the UK. *Adventure Holidays '97*, edited by Victoria Pybus (Vacation Work, £6.99), lists activity holidays in the UK and abroad and gives a paragraph describing each one.

■ *Adventure Holidays Worldwide*, by James Ogilvie (In Print Publishing, £10.95), covers 60 countries with 20 adventure activities. *Working Holidays Abroad*, by Mark Hempshell (Kuperard, £7.95), gives a country-by-country directory, addresses of embassies and warns about the dangers of travelling.

■ *Summer Jobs Abroad 1997*, by David Woodworth (Vacation Work, £7.99,) says it includes everything you need to land a summer job. Vacation Work also publishes *Directory of Summer Jobs in Britain* (£7.99). *Work Your Way Around the World*, by Susan Griffith (Vacation Work, £10.99) tells you how to travel, then lists jobs, country-by-country advice on visas, tax and special schemes worldwide. If you want to study rather than work, *How to Study Abroad*, edited by Teresa Tinsley (How To Books, £8.99), is packed with information.

■ Books aimed at more specific occupations include *Kibbutz Volunteer* (Vacation Work, £7.99) and *Working with the Environment*, by Tim Ryder (Vacation Work, £9.99), which lists work involving the natural environment, paid and voluntary. *Teaching English Abroad*, by Susan Griffith (Vacation Work, £9.99), includes a directory of 275 TEFL courses, finding a job, and a country-by-country guide. *Working on Cruise Ships*, by Sandra Bow (Vacation Work, £7.99), lists more than 200 cruise companies. For a more domestic lifestyle there is *Au Pair and Nanny's Guide to Working Abroad*, by Susan Griffith (Vacation Work, £8.99). For those already medically qualified, *Health Professions Abroad*, by Tim Ryder (Vacation Work, £9.99) includes mainstream and alternative medicine.

■ There are guides for specific countries: *Live and Work in the USA and Canada/Australia and New Zealand/Scandinavia* — all by Victoria Pybus and priced £8.95 from Vacation Work. Also, *Working in Japan*, by Jonathan Hayter (How To Books, £10.99).

● *The author is the founder of The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) in London, W11.*

The agony of watching them flee the nest

IT WAS early January, and the mothers of north London were suffering. They had seen their sons and daughters through GCSEs and A levels, but the ordeal they faced now was of a completely different order. They had my genuine sympathy.

Any day now their "children", all over 18, were off on their gap year to India, Africa, Australia and New Zealand or other parts of the shrinking world. The point of the gap year, after all, is to be an adventure after the stifling years of school.

For mothers, however, adventure spells danger — and the parting at Heathrow is a wrench. It is the moment, finally, when their children fly away into adulthood. It was exactly 100 days later when I met my daughter in Cairns in Australia after she had travelled and worked in New Zealand, Fiji and Australia.

She was already a different, more confident and more adult person. She had endured sheer fright (on the plane leaving Heathrow), loneliness (starting with 24 hours at Bangkok airport and then arriving in New Zealand alone and knowing nobody), danger (but best not let mother know), days of boredom and days of exhilaration, experienced utterly different climates and cultures, and had met and travelled with fellow students from all over the world. Above all, she says, it was also a lot of fun — "singing at the top of our voices at midnight with only the birds to hear us". That was on an island off the Queensland coast.

MY DAUGHTER was glad she had organised a safety net of several conservation volunteer projects in all three countries before she left. Doing nothing but travel for four months can become boring.

The projects offered work — driving tractors through forests, weeding walking trails — an opportunity to make friends and to get know the countries through their people, as well as the certainty of food and accommodation booked in advance.

When the son of a friend was going for his Oxford interview, he was advised against saying he wanted a gap year if the tutors accepted him for the coming autumn but not a year later. He ignored the advice but was accepted.

Oxford dons obviously prefer to teach undergraduates with the extra maturity gained from roughing it around the world and learning to cope with danger and panic and loneliness without any help from mummy and daddy.

But shed a tear for those mothers when you see them at the airport in the new year.

● *Most useful tip: give your son or daughter a credit card (with a cash limit) for use in emergencies or the occasional luxury, such as a bath or new pair of jeans.*

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FLIGHTS

33. Confirming flights. Do this even if you don't have to. If it is delayed, you will be able to go off and do other things.

34. Checking in. It is a requirement to arrive at the airport two hours before the flight leaves. Moreover, you may find that the flight is overbooked, and that you can offer up your seat and be well compensated.

35. Ask for everything. Smoking or non-smoking, vegetarian meals, window or aisle seats, extra food if you are hungry. If you are polite, you get most things.

36. Long flights. If it is empty, ask for a central seat within viewing distance of the video screen. By doing this, you can stretch out over the four seats and have a good sleep.

SECURITY

37. Padlocks. Buy them to secure your backpack. You may even take a small, light chain, so that you can padlock your bag to immovable objects. This won't stop the serious thieves, but it acts as a deterrent to the opportunists.

38. Being mugged. This happens to a lot of people, including myself. Assess each situation as it happens, and react as you see fit. However, always ask yourself "Is my life worth the money in my pocket?" I doubt it. It will all be over in seconds, and you will be OK as long as you stay calm. Remember that once it's over, you'll never see them again in your life. Then forget about it and learn from it. Besides, becoming "streetwise" through the incident may mean that it won't happen again.

39. "Mugger's money". Many people carry around a small amount of money big enough to give up should the occasion arise. This means that you lose only your money, and not your passport, documents etc. The elasticated Tubigrip, used for knee or elbow support, is a good hiding place for notes when worn up your sleeve or calf.

40. Fights. Never risk one unless you have served in the SAS for at least five years, and even then, think about it. There is always someone out there bigger than you.

MISCELLANEOUS

41. Duplication. Photocopy all important documents, for example passport, insurance, tickets, credit cards, travellers' cheque numbers, medical certificates and school qualifications (handy for getting jobs). Keep copies for yourself, and give others to your parents. If there are problems, you'll soon realise how valuable this is, especially when trying to wade through bureaucracy from 20,000 miles away.

42. Sterilised needles. It is essential nowadays to have two items in your backpack. The most important is a "steri kit". This contains sterilised needles, syringes, bandages etc. In the less developed countries, if you are in need of hospital treatment you can give them the pack to use. You are therefore assured of clean equipment. It also means that you don't use up their scarce resources.

A first-aid kit is the second item to take. In foreign countries, it is important to look after any cuts, grazes and infections properly. This is a good time to mention that you should not skimp on the medical insurance. At the time that you need it, you'll regret not spending the extra £30.

43. Courses. Consider taking a first-aid course and a self-defence course before you go. Both may prove invaluable, and with the former you could end up saving somebody's life.

44. Cooking. Crash courses are available free by learning with most parents, and they can be practised up to three times a day if need be.

45. Checklists. As D-Day approaches, start those lists so that you don't forget crucial last-minute items.

46. Culture shocks. Nervous about places like India, South-East Asia, etc? Don't panic. Visit these places last after warming up in more familiar countries and societies. If you have a round the world ticket, go anti-clockwise.

47. Unfamiliar countries. When arriving, have a small amount of local currency with you, since the first things you'll be using it for are buses, taxis and snacks. You will encounter problems and get swindled if you offer large notes.

48. Why am I here? Why am I here? When you finally put your bags down in the hotel or hostel, don't lie on the bed chanting this. It is just culture shock. Secure your belongings, take your important documents with you, go for a wander, and then have a beer. If you are going exploring in a country that doesn't have the same alphabet as us, ask someone at the hotel to write down where you are going, and, more importantly, where you are staying so that you can get there and back.

49. Remembering PINS. This is a useful tip, being a good way to remember PIN numbers, and have them written down at the same time. On the back of an address card, write out the letters of the alphabet from A to Z. Think of a four-letter word that you will remember and place the numbers under the corresponding letters. For example, if my PIN number were 9625, I would use BLAG, the nickname of my friend Steve, and put the numbers beneath the letters. For example:

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50. Have fun! You are about to have an amazing time. Enjoy it while it lasts.

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Until Eurostar could combine with French Railways' TGV express from Paris to Milan, the journey had to include a night on a train. Now, by catching the first Eurostar from London at 5.50am, changing to a TGV in Paris and then to an Italian State Railways express in Milan, you should reach Venice before 10pm.

Eurostar pulled out of Waterloo on time, and breakfast was served as we slid through a sleeping Orpington. The Channel passed unnoticed, and the Gare du Nord was reached at 10.14am local time. The TGV for Milan was to leave at 11.18am from the Gare de l'Est, and the easiest way there was by RER underground train (Line D) deep below the Gare du Nord. It took 20 minutes, platform to platform.

The TGV journey seemed long — and at six and a half hours it was — despite the high speed and smooth running. Arriving in Milan at 5.50pm, there was to be a wait for our inter-city express (and reserved seats) of an hour and a quarter, but an ordinary train was leaving for Venice in 15 minutes and we took that instead. So, at 9.30pm, we walked down the station steps to the Grand Canal and boarded a vaporetto for our destination at San Marco, reached by 10pm.

It had been a long day's travelling. From armchairs we had seen the hop fields and orchards of Kent; the sweeping farmland and war cemeteries of northern France; Paris; the woods, hills and vineyards on the way to Lyons, Chambéry, the Alps and the Matterhorn; then out of the mountains and on to the plains, through Turin to Milan; Lake Garda, running deep and blue into the misty mountains; then the list of resonant place-names: Brescia, Verona, Vicenza, Padua and, finally, Venice.

Go from Waterloo at dawn to the sparkling Grand Canal at night

The return journey to London — also within a day — was even easier than outward-bound. Of course, the alarm clock had to be set for 4.30am so as to be on the landing-stage ready for the vaporetto. This was the most enchanted half-hour of the entire journey: the sky lightening behind the dome of the Salute; the boat gliding up an empty, silken Grand Canal; a brilliant moon hanging over Lord Byron's palace.

The Milan express left at 5.52am and arrived as planned at 8.55am, with 15 minutes to spare before the TGV left for Paris. Reaching the Gare de l'Est at 3.50pm, taking the RER to the Gare du Nord, we boarded the 5.10 Eurostar to London. This arrived at Waterloo on time at 7.39pm local time and we were home by 8pm.

Like the first train ride under the Channel or any intercontinental flight, the extent of the journey was difficult to comprehend. It would be stretching acceptable meal-times to claim we had had breakfast in London and dinner in Venice, or vice versa, without taking to sea or air, but that was the feel of it.

Food is, in fact, an area in which the journey could be improved. On Eurostar, complimentary airline-type meals with wine are served in first class. Dinner on the return journey — pâté de foie gras, poached salmon in lentils with chips of bacon, chocolate gateau — was up to business-class standards in the air but the outward-bound breakfast of scrambled eggs with smoked salmon, rosti potatoes and mushrooms tasted as it should but was coloured in shades of grey.

On an evening or lunchtime Eurostar from Paris to London it is worth travelling standard class and taking a picnic gathered from a charcuterie and a pâtisserie with a bottle of wine

The Paris-Milan TGV serves food and drink from a small, often crowded buffet car, but standards are not as good as the efficiency and manners of the staff. On the outward journey, our microwave chicken and fish dishes were visually identical.

On the long Paris-Milan leg of the journey, reserved first-class seats are worth the expense, even though they induce sleeping through a beautiful landscape. There is none of the scrambling through airports and into cross-Channel ferries, but there are two transfers. Yet, so punctual were all the trains we travelled on, that the risk of missing a connection seems minimal.

The enticement of the journey for those who love rail travel is to walk into Waterloo from the streets of London and, on the same day, walk out of Santa Lucia to see the lights sparkling on the Grand Canal.

TOM POCOCK

FACT FILE

- **The author travelled as guest of French Railways, Citalia and Italian State Railways.**
- **The Rail Shop (0990 300 003) sells Eurostar to Paris from £77.50 return for standard class or £132.50 one-way in first class. The one-way Paris to Venice fare is £73.30 or £115 in first (double for return fares).**
- **The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends: *Venice*, by Jan Morris (Faber, £9.99)(Penguin, £6.99)**

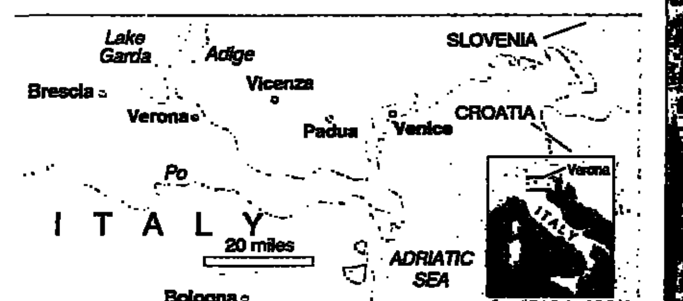
... and a drink with Dante

More than an uncertain note was in the air as the mid-evening sky crescendoed to a fortissimo rumble above Verona's massive amphitheatre. Some 16,000 people stirred anxiously: would we see the end of Verdi's *Nabucco*?

For one glorious moment a shaft of lightning lit up every face on stage and then, to the strains of the haunting *Va Pensiero* chorus, the rain came bucketing down. Sadly, that was it for the opera that night. Never mind. Blighted opera performances happen worldwide and usually without the compensations of a city like Verona.

The Romans established Verona as an important strategic centre by the 1st century BC, and the number of remaining bridges, arches, gates and statues is second only to Rome.

The legacy of Roman town planning has survived as a compact grid-plan of streets, squares and markets. These in turn have been enhanced with, it seems, the best bequests of passing ages, from the huge imprints of fossilised shellfish in the creamy-pink, marble road slabs, to the massive 14th-century crenellated Castelvecchio of the della Scala family. Dotted around are palaces attributed to Verona's 16th-century architectural genius, Michele Sanmicheli, whose huge Porta Nuova marks the southern entrance.



Historical Italian liveliness abounds in Piazza delle Erbe, site of the Roman forum, where the market stalls are covered by giant canvas parasols and the trading is overseen by statues on top of the square's 17th-century Palazzo Maffei.

But to find the spirit of Verona, I suggest the Piazza dei Signori. One enters through an arch from the buzz of Piazza delle Erbe, and the effect is instantly relaxing. The flagstone courtyard is surrounded by palaces, town offices, entrance arches and loggias. Battlement or statue-topped, the soft colours of the worn façades flow through mustard yellow and burnt orange to warm brick with the grey-white window casings forming a relief of delicate decoration. The central statue of Dante is a splendid finishing touch.

However, if there is much to detain the visitor in Verona, the truth is that the city prospers from its marble and wine industries and does not need to bend over backwards for tourist income. Hotels are not numerous, and I had trouble finding a decent postcard.

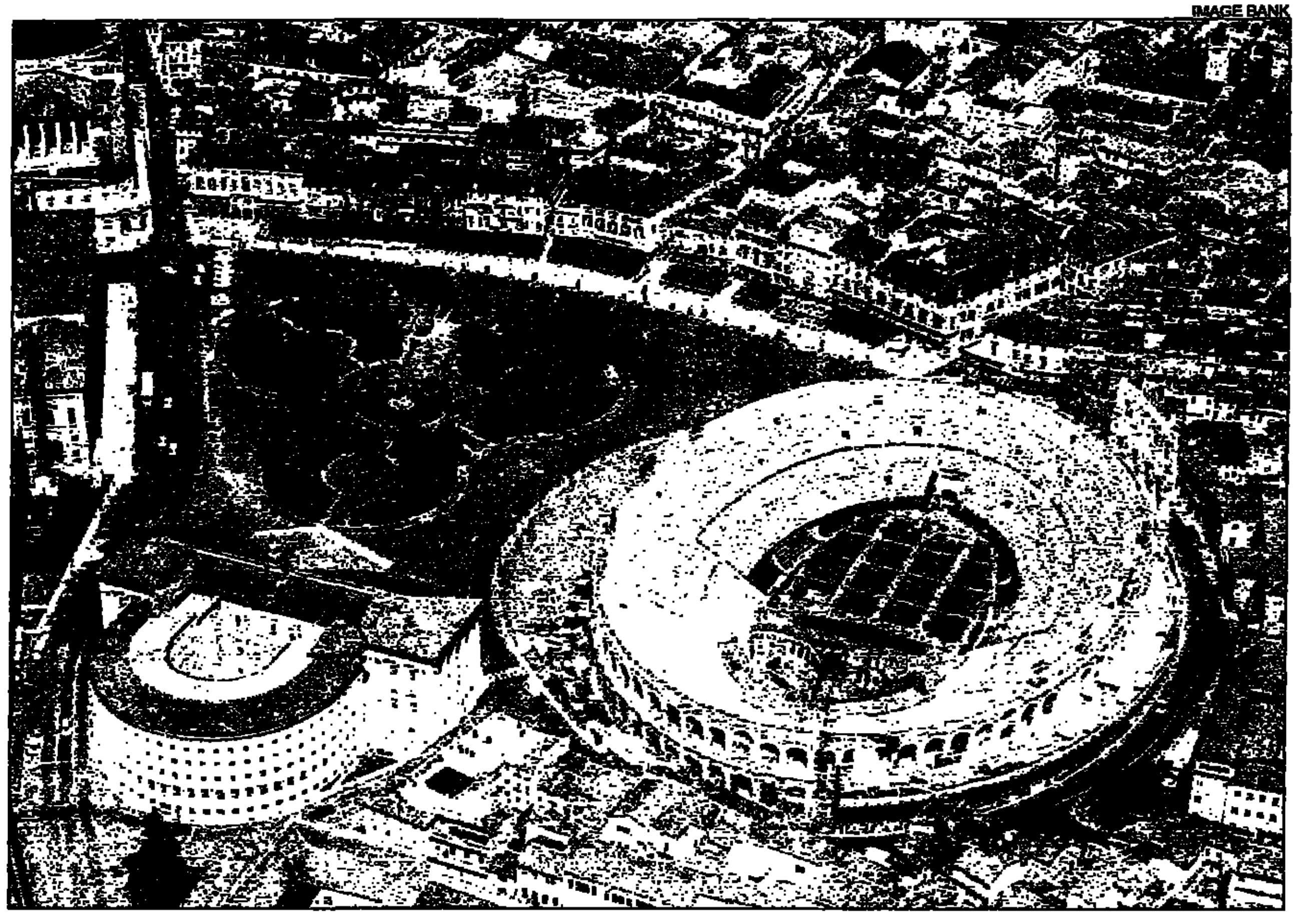


IMAGE BANK

The amphitheatre of Verona, where the number of remaining bridges, arches and statues is second only to Rome

So it is an easy decision to move on from Verona, and to Vicenza. Vicenza is the Veneto's hub of affluence with the palaces and "temple villas" of Palladio dominating the city. For the non-architectural eye, viewing the villas built for the gentry of yesteryear is not unlike upmarket house-hunting, when money is no object and you are looking for the one that makes you say "that's it".

It will probably be the perfectly proportioned Villa Rotonda. Surrounded by enormous silent fields, this is a monument to the ideal of marrying classical symmetry to the theatre of nature.

In other buildings, too, notably the Teatro Olimpico, there is a palpable sense that Vicenza bloomed in an age when elegant living was at its height. How appropriate, then, that Vicenza is called the "Venice of the dry land": this is museum-quality countryside.

Travelling on through Valpolicella country to Padua is a journey into the heart of Dante's world. To this day, his direct descendant, Count Serego Alighieri, lives and produces wine on the farm bought by Dante's son.

Upkeep on La Foresteria estate is high, so a part-conversion to holiday apartments was inevitable. The count admits there is no longer a great writer in the family, "but there is poetry in our wine".

In Padua, the streets were lively with a blend of good-tempered shoppers, tourists and students. The students, at one of Europe's oldest universities, were celebrating graduation, "some of them pretty mad and dangerous, too", our young guide sniffed. Watching one man hop round the courtyard with hand and foot tied behind him while being beaten with sticks, I thought she had a point.

What I loved about Padua was its lack of pretension. Here is a town that has much to shout about but is reticent about its reputation. In spite of this, it has a huge basilica drawing pilgrims worldwide to St Anthony's tomb, the Piazzetta Pedrocchi coffee shop, formerly a famous meeting-place for academics, and the square described as a meadow with no grass, although it is the second largest in Europe (after Red Square).

Without hesitation, however, I nominate the little Scrovegni Chapel as the jewel in Padua's crown. This simple, rectangular building is home to a stunning array of 38 Giotto frescoes depicting the lives of Christ and the Virgin Mary against a dazzling blue background. This is a wonder not to be missed.

A brief trip round the Veneto produces many memories to bring back, even if they are clipped short by the mechanics of getting the return flight. The luxury option is to meander home on the Venice-Simplon Orient Express, gazing on views of the Alps.

The 1920s French and English carriages are full of beautifully restored period detail — Lalique glass, brass fittings, walnut panelling and art deco marquetry. This is a country house on wheels, and after 30 hours of being cosseted, it was a wrench to leave. I could understand why a trio of Nottingham ladies were on their third trip.

THERESE GORDON DUFFY

FACT FILE

- **The Magic of Italy (0181-748 7575) arranges three-night holidays to the Veneto region to include the opera a trip on the Venice Simplon Orient-Express.**
- **A three-night stay at the Villa Michelangelo near Arcugnano costs from £512 per person, including bed and breakfast, flights and a car.**
- **Venice Simplon Orient-Express (0171-805 5100). Liaisons Abroad (0171-376 4020) for opera tickets.**
- **Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends *Venice and NE Italy*, by Paul Blanchard (A & C Black, £12.99).**

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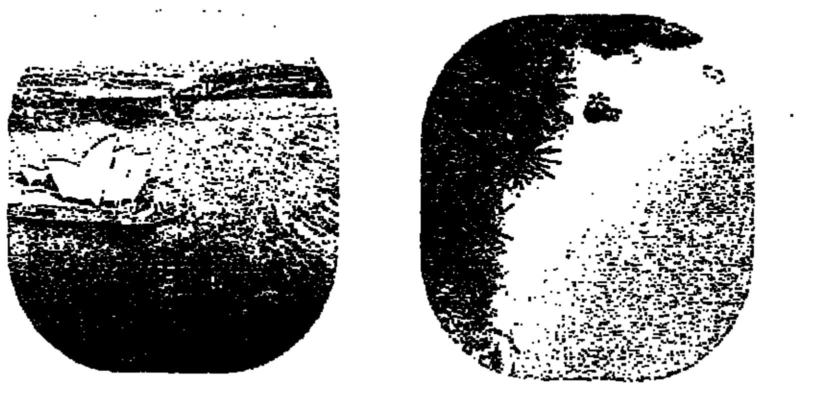

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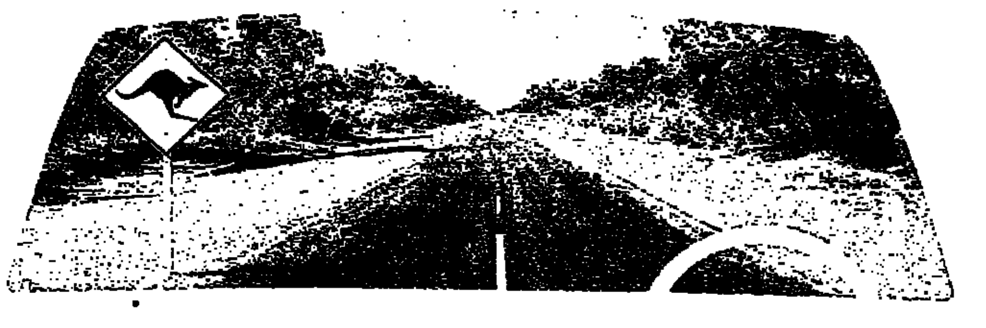

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Problems with meal deals in the air

From Dr Shera Chok, London E14

In April, I flew to Jamaica on an Airtours Sundeal holiday, which featured pre-ordered meals and pre-bookable seats. My companion had ordered from a menu selection, and we paid an extra £20 for the priviledge.

Unfortunately, none of the pre-ordered meals were available, and we were served two light meals on a journey that lasted 12 hours, two small cups of tea or coffee and one soft drink which, I feel, is medically insufficient.

Regular servings of water or a water fountain were not present. Also, pre-bookable seats simply meant being sat together, which is standard on most airlines. It appears that many passengers are paying extra for no apparent extra services.

A spokesman for Airtours replies:

"Pre-bookable meals, with a choice of 13 menus, are available on flights leaving the UK after 9.29am. This flight was at 8am and breakfast was served, followed by a lunch of salad, pasta and meatballs. The choice of 13 menus was available on the return flight. Dr Chok should have been informed of this at the time of the booking and we are concerned he was misled. We are contacting him and will refund the £20."

From F. Paul Taylor, Frodsham, Warrington:

You report that one can expect a foreign exchange transaction by credit card to cost 1-2 per cent. I recently paid a US travel company just over $3,300 by GM card. The difference between the sterling equivalent as shown by the London sterling/dollar rate on that day, and the amount I was charged was more than £125, a massive 6.73 per cent. Perhaps it is not only hotels that overcharge. Buyer beware!

From Jane Vernon, London SW1

In reference to the letter "Singles get an unfair deal" (*Weekend*, April 26), which rightfully complained about the single-room supplement which many of us think is iniquitous. May I point Ms Simmons in the direction of an organisation called Single Travellers' Action Group (STAG), Church Lane, Sharnbrook, Bedford MK44 1HR, which has been lobbying various bodies on this problem.

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JILL CRAWSHAW'S **TRAVEL TIPS**

Venezuelan wildlife

REEF and Rainforest Tours (01803 866965) is expanding its programme to Venezuela, attracted by the wildlife potential of its varied habitat. The vast Llanos flatlands play host to more than 250 bird species, giant anteaters, red howler monkeys, manatees, ocelot, jaguar and puma, while the Amazon rainforest is haven for other exotic flora and fauna.

Tailor-made itineraries include Angel Falls, the world's highest waterfall, and diving off Los Roques, an archipelago of 50 largely uninhabited islands: 17-day tours cost from about £1,800 excluding flights to Caracas.

■ **IF YOU want to witness the September marriage market at Imilchil in Morocco's Atlas Mountains, now as much of a tourist attraction as a tribal custom, Cadogan Holidays (01703 332661) is organising two-night "festival packages" from Casablanca, from September 19-21. Traditionally, the festival celebrates the mass marriage of young Berber couples with lively dancing and music. A week's B&B with Cadogan, based in Casablanca, costs £408, the two-night tour another £170.**

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■ **NEW WORLD wine tours from Arblaster & Clarke (01730 893344) next winter will include visits to South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and South America.**
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A two-week tour to Chile and Argentina crosses the Andes and goes off the beaten track in search of the best produce of these emerging wine countries.

Viennese fun

A NEW brochure, "Vienna Holiday Scene", free from the Austrian National Tourist Office (0171-629 0461) is aimed at families with children. The youngsters can travel free on public transport from June 28-August 31, and even stay free in the hotels listed.

At the four-star Jager, the price for a room for two adults and two children under 12 is £77 a night, in a two-star *pension* £46 a night. Attractions in Austria's capital for the younger set include the Marionette Theatre, the Butterfly House, the Teddy Bear Museum and the Doll and Toy Museum. The 100-year-old Ferris wheel provides a dramatic view of the city, while the Prater in the summer months is a huge amusement park with merry-go-rounds, ghost trains and stalls.

■ **POTENTIAL chalet girls (and boys) looking for skiing jobs this winter can join one of the £200, five-day Chalet Representatives Cookery Courses run by Crystal Holidays during August at the Bruton School for Girls. The successful candidates will receive a diploma which guarantees a job as a chalet representative for the coming ski season. For details, write to: Crystal, Arlington Road, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 6BW**

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■ **MIDNIGHT sun flights between London Heathrow and Tromso, 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle in northern Norway, are offered by the Scandinavian Travel Service (0171-559 6666) on Sundays and Thursdays between June 22 and July 31, for £159.**
Ideal for insomniacs, flights depart from Heathrow at 9.55pm. On arrival at Tromso the passengers are taken to the top of Mount Storsteinen by cable car for a view of the midnight sun and an "Arctic drink", and are given a polar certificate before returning to London, landing at 6.05am to see the sun rise once again.

Save a camel

ADVENTUROUS volunteers are needed by the conservation specialist, Discovery Initiatives (0171-229 9881), to help to save some of the Gobi desert's endangered species: these include snow leopards, Gobi bears and wild Bactrian camels which are down to about 300 in number.
Participants are expected to camp in local *gers* and travel by camel, horse and Russian Jeep. The three-week project costs £2,695 to cover flights, transport, training and full board.

■ **IF YOU are fit enough to climb Ben Nevis or the Snowdon Horseshoe, you should be able to cope with the Carpathians. Sherpa Expeditions (0181-577 2717) combines a ten-day mountain trek in the Polish and Slovak Tatra mountains with two days each in Cracow and Prague. On the Polish side of the range you can also take a river raft trip (weather permitting), while over the border in Slovakia there is an optional ascent, for the most energetic, of the highest peak, Mount Gerlach, at 2,655 metres. The two-week holiday costs £995 for flights, most meals, accommodation in hotels and mountain chalets, and the services of a qualified leader.**

Anti-stress

ANTI-STRESS breaks in Bavaria's Bad Mergentheim are on offer from Moswin Tours (0116-271 9922). A three-night holiday costs £545 which covers flights, B&B at the Maritim Park Hotel, body wraps, massages and "make-overs" and a regional rail pass.

■ **FREEDOM COACH passes for budget travellers are offered by Eurolines (0990 143219) with passes for 30 or 60 days' unlimited travel in Europe. The 30-day pass for the under-26s and over-60s costs £159, or £199 for others, while 60-day passes cost £199 and £249 respectively.**

Croatia open for visitors

They don't like talking about the war which less than five years ago ravaged towns and villages of Croatia. Instead, the people of Dubrovnik prefer seeing tour guides taking increasing numbers of snap-happy foreigners around exquisite medieval buildings and peaceful market squares, bringing to life the history of the 1400s rather than that of the 1990s.

However, not far beneath the smiling surface, all the hurt and bitterness of what happened along one of the most beautiful coastlines in Europe comes out in a torrent. It makes modern history suddenly alive — and war seem even more futile.

Adriana Kremenjas-Danicic, for example, is one of the senior guides in Dubrovnik. She will briefly point out where shell holes have been repaired in the main street, how some roofs still show the effects of the damage caused by the 2,000 shells which fell on the old city in what appeared to be a deliberate attempt to wreck the cultural heritage of Croatia.

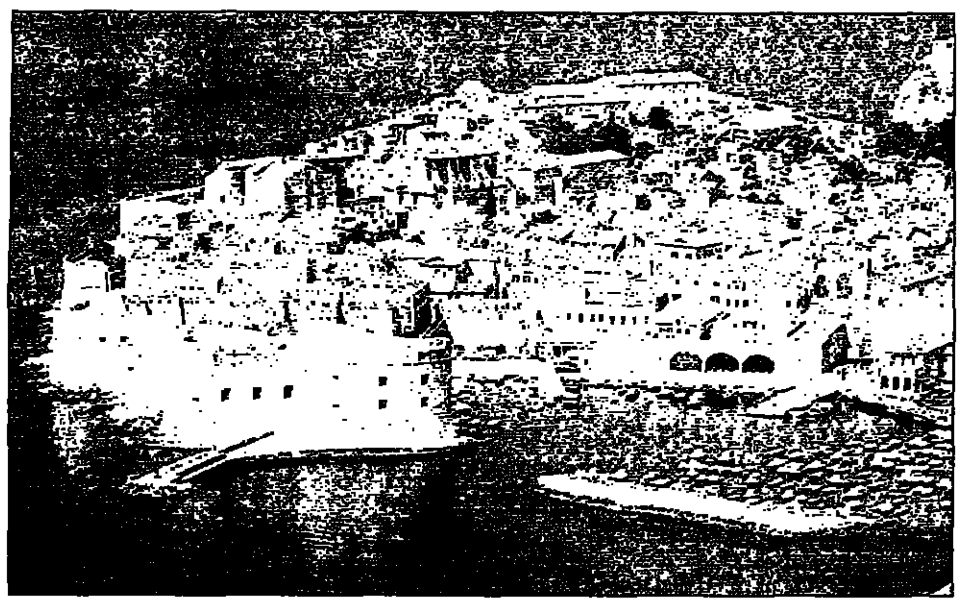
But it is outside the city in the villages and mountains that the madness of tribal conflict become starkly apparent. Adriana pointed out her small red-roofed home, perched high above the glittering sea about 20 miles south of Dubrovnik. She had been forced to leave it when the Serbs took over and thousands had to flee. "My husband was an air traffic controller on duty at the airport at the time," she said. "I could do nothing but run with my eight-month-old daughter. I did not see my husband for 14 months. When I returned my home had been wrecked and everything of value stolen."

She is convinced that only through tourism can Croatia regain its pride and normality. Tourists are now returning in large numbers. Cruise ships — including P&O's *Oriana* which this month made its first visit to the Adriatic for five years — now call, and all the ancient houses and palaces of the Dubrovnik have been restored.

But I urge any visitor to take that drive south towards the idyllic town of Cavtat. On the way the ruins of once attractive middle class houses, many of which were rented to tourists during the season, are still unrepaired. And, most moving of all, thousands of vines, once neatly tended and producing some of the region's best wines, are now running wild, the crosses along which the wires once run looking like headstones in a graveyard.

No wonder Paul, a colleague of Adriana, gave up his job as a doctor to become a tour guide. "I had had enough of seeing mutilated bodies," he said. "The war was our past. Tourism is now our future, and I want to be part of it."

HARVEY ELLIOTT



The country, with its repaired shell holes, can regain its pride only through tourism

WORD-WATCHING

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ABECEDARIAN
(c) Arranged in alphabetical order, ie like ABC. Thence, elementary, devoid of sophistication. "At this stage in the proceedings, Chairman, I have to confess that I find your comments more than usually abecedarian."

REPULLULATE
(c) To sprout again; to recur, as with a disease. This is the right verb to describe the frequent reappearances of your beloved's young brother at the door of the living-room while you are engaged in an affectionate tête-à-tête with the young lady of the first part.

DIAMANTIFEROUS
(a) Yielding diamonds. From the Latin words. "I don't care what you say. I still prefer Michael. Kevin may be younger, and fitter and more handsome — and unmarried, for that matter. But Michael is demonstrably diamantiferous."

RIGIDULOUS
(c) Somewhat rigid, a little stiff. The diminutive of *rigid*. This is a dodgy word, looking like a typo for *ridiculous*.

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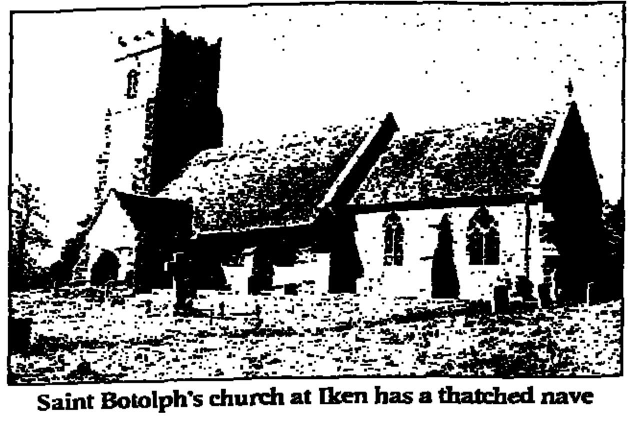

Saint Botolph's church at Iken has a thatched nave

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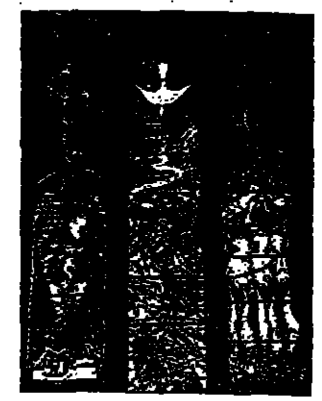
Benjamin Britten pictured near Aldeburgh in 1970. His opera *Peter Grimes* offers constant reminders of this distinctive, wind-blown coastline



John Piper's window

How do you transpose a landscape into orchestral sounds? More to the point, how did Benjamin Britten manage, with so much of his music, to feed our ears with such detailed imagery of the Suffolk coast — of Aldeburgh, Snape, Dunwich and the lazy, muddy rivers that snake their way over the East Anglian flatlands?

Debussy had a crack at marine impressionism with *La Mer* in 1905, but in Britten's music you are actually there. In the first "Sea Interlude" from *Peter Grimes*, light shining on the silt-laden tide translates to a series of sustained notes on the violins.

The waves are small, breaking right at the edge of the water, tickling the shelving shingle — rapid trills and arpeggios from the woodwind. But this is the North Sea, a shifting, treacherous ocean with sudden changes in wind that threaten the low-lying foreshore — enter, harsh chords on trombones and other brass, introducing the underlying menace.

Britten's opera *Peter Grimes* is set in the 19th-century poet George Crabbe's town, the Borough (Aldeburgh) but throughout his music there are constant reminders of this extraordinary coastal strip between Orford and Southwold. Born in Lowestoft, not far up the coast, Britten left East Anglia only for periods of study and, like Auden and Isherwood, to go to America at the outbreak of the Second World War. But in 1942, inspired by an article in *The Listener* on Crabbe's poem, Britten declared: "I suddenly realised where I belonged and what I lacked . . . I had become without roots." The initial consequence of that inspiration was to bring him home in 1942, but the main result was the 1945 premiere of *Peter Grimes*, a work of such immense stature that it established Britten as a major 20th-century composer.

So many of his subsequent works either have direct connections — *Saint Nicholas* was first performed in the parish church at Aldeburgh, for instance — or are indirectly inspired by the glimpses, first hand, of the maritime life. The groaning opening chorus from *Billy Budd*, for example, could only be portrayed by someone who understands the agonising drudgery of holystoning a ship's deck.

Throughout his music, even the most dissonant stretches, there is a sense of the mystic past. Medieval harmonies blend seamlessly into such works as *Curlew River* in just the way — though this may be fanciful — that the ancient Wool Churches with their massive flint towers sit so comfortably among the red brick and pantiles of the villages.

Pretty though these villages are, the landscape is neither rugged nor beautiful. Reed beds give way to slick mudflats; rivers merge with salt marshes that border the seas and in pale, diffused sunlight, it is hard to differentiate between water, land and sky. Stand on the edge of the marshes by Snape Maltings, for example, and the only distinguishing mark on the skyline is the tower of Iken church, seemingly marooned among the reeds.

If you follow the narrow lanes to Iken, the illusion of an unreal world is amplified. The road threads such a tortuous route through the waterlogged land that the church disappears from view and then, because you've become confused with all the turns, reappears where you least expect it, on a bluff surrounded by a sea of reeds.

The region's ancient quality is further enhanced when, on entering the church with its thatched nave, you discover that some of the fabric dates back to 654 and Saint Botolph.

Curlew River is based on a Japanese Noh play, but it is clear that the river in Britten's mind was the Alde, which begins to widen into meandering estuary at Snape, where curlews are two a penny.

The huge maltings, built by Newson Garrett (father of Elizabeth Garrett Anderson) in 1840, reminds us that Suffolk and Norfolk have, for centuries, produced the world's finest barleys and that trade of malt across the North Sea was brisk. Nowadays, Snape — with its magnificent 830-seater concert hall, whose foyer has been revamped with £1.3 million of Lottery money — is home to the Aldeburgh festival and its associated activities. The festival this year runs from June 13-29, but a lot goes on through the year, from spring recitals to August Proms, and a visit, in December, by the Royal Opera for a production of *Paul Bunyan*.

On the way north, towards Dunwich Heath, stonechats perch on vivid yellow gorse blossom on one side of the narrow road, opposite a vast piggery with hundreds of brood sows standing outside their farrowing arks.

Nearby, Minsmere is a RSPB bird sanctuary, where about 1,600 acres was flooded in the 1940s as a counter-invasion ploy, and then left derelict. In a series of small, shallow lakes, such rare birds as avocets, marsh harriers, ruffs and little ringed plover are protected from everything except glinting binoculars.

The bird sanctuary must be crossed here to reach sand dunes and foreshore. Look north, at this point, and the land rises to glacial cliffs so crumbly and unstable that it is dangerous to stand under them. Look right, and beyond the wild beauty of gorse-strewn heath and shingly beaches, the hideous Sizewell nuclear plant rears up. Fanciful again, but one could not help thinking of *Peter Grimes* and his vile inner self — not a vileness of his own making, but innate, of mankind, so thirsty for power as to risk self-destruction.

One underlying theme, in *Grimes*, is of a threatened coastline. Walk on to Dunwich and you will see how fast the cliffs are receding. The town itself has gone, mostly under the waves, and the land that the seas have snatched was thrown back along the mouth of the Alde, making Orford Ness, a vast shingle spit.

In Southwold, Britten is overshadowed by the omnipresence of the family brewing company Adnams. And if traditional, comfortable pub accommodation, delicious cuisine, and personable and efficient staff appeal, then stay at the Crown, or its posher and more pricy fellow hotel, the Swan.

Being a music lover or a Britten fan is not essential to enjoying this region. But if you go to Aldeburgh merely for the music, without exploring the scenery or at least visiting the Moot Hall on the front, or seeing the Piper Window in the church, you will find it far harder to get to grips with the Britten spirit of *Zeitgeist*.

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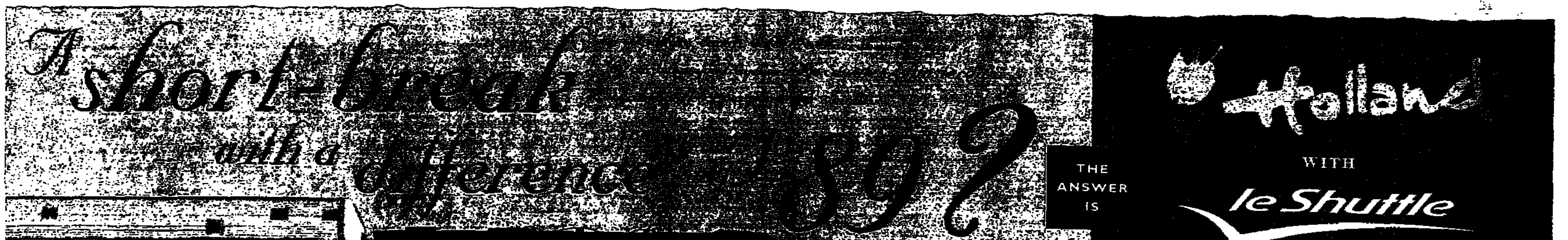

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Sweden: Leave the north to the crowds and catch a spot of medievalitis down south, says **Barry Turner**

Deep in southern secrets

The Swedes are great bridge builders. The longest bridge in Europe stretches from Öland, the long, thin island off the south-east coast, to the ancient city of Kalmar, its nearest point on the mainland. At six kilometres, the Öland bridge is a slender and graceful feat of engineering.

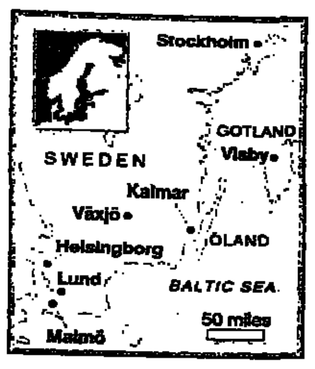
But the current preoccupation in Kalmar is another type of bridge building. This year they are celebrating the 600th anniversary of the Union of Kalmar, which brought together Sweden, Denmark and Norway under a single crown.

The Union did not last much longer than the life of its instigator, Queen Margaret, but later generations found inspiration in the idea of a Nordic family of nations, independent but affiliated on all important matters, a model, perhaps, for the rest of Europe.

It would be hard to find a more magnificent setting for the Union celebrations. Kalmar Castle, where the treaty was signed, was later transformed into one of Europe's finest Renaissance palaces. On its own Baltic peninsular, the castle dominates the coast for miles around. With its extravagant spires and towers it has a fairy-tale look, but once inside the grey walls the sheer might of the place is overwhelming.

From now until July 20 the Castle has an exhibition of medieval splendours from more than 50 museums. The whole town seems to have caught medievalitis. There is to be a medieval market, medieval sports (including lifting the boulder and the backwards long jump) and a medieval maritime festival.

As a holiday area this part of Sweden is little known to visitors from the UK, who tend to make straight for Stockholm or for Europe's "last wilderness" in the heavily forested far north. Yet southern Sweden has a wonderful mix of attractions made more inviting by its gentle climate (at its warmest in June and July) and luxury of open space.



While Kalmar itself is of great charm with its cobbled streets and a spacious central square, striking out from the town in whatever direction brings rich rewards. Across the famous bridge, Öland is a magnet for archaeologists, ornithologists — it is slap on the migration route for millions of birds — and naturalists. The landscape is wild, but the mild dry climate creates ideal conditions for colourful subtropical plants. The island has also thrown up archaeological finds from the Iron Age to the early Middle Ages, with plenty of easily observable links with the Viking community, including runestones and the markings of ship burials.

Öland is the second largest island in Sweden: the first is its neighbour, Gotland, which is 80 miles long and more than 30 miles wide. The main interest is Visby, the "town of ruins and roses" and one of the great trading communities of the Middle Ages. By the 14th century warring factions had weakened Visby's appeal as a commercial haven. The final blow was a Danish assault in 1361 which led to the massacre of a Swedish army outside. Two miles of the city wall still exist, with 44 towers. Within this boundary are 17 medieval churches, many in ruins but splendidly majestic nonetheless with their broken arches and open roofs.

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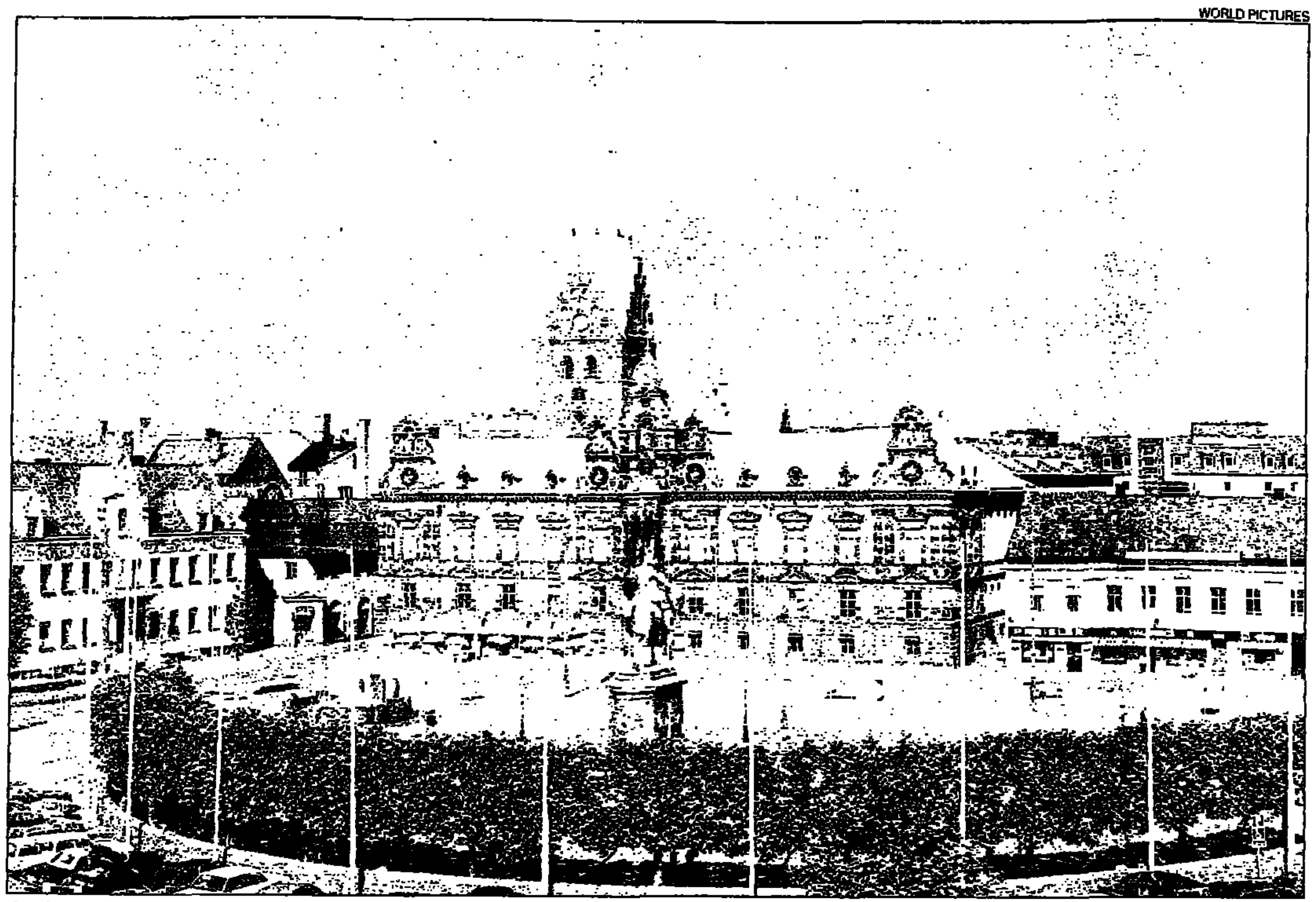

Malmö, capital of the south, is Sweden's third city. With its medieval buildings and fabulous castle, it forms an ideal base for exploring the area

Southern Sweden's food and drink is exceptional: Öland and Gotland are strong on seafood, and modestly sized mainland towns such as Kalmar boast a choice of restaurants that would do credit to any cosmopolitan city. And they are not expensive either.

Also around Kalmar is the region of Smaland, rocky and heavily forested with mirror-smooth lakes and little farms, subdivided by stone walls. This used to be one of the poorest areas of Sweden, the source of a million emigrants to the United States. Today, the neat clapperboard houses are freshly painted in red or yellow and likely as not have a new Volvo waiting at the door. To find out what Småland is really famous for, go west from Kalmar to Växjö.

Here the glassblowers and artists, the frontrunners of Swedish design, have their base. The names to look for are Kosta Bada, characterised by bold and colourful forms, and Orrefors, known for its more traditional clear glass and crystal.

Both are now part of the same company but there are other smaller glass factories near Växjö and all of them welcome visitors.

Moving south is to enter Skåne, an unhurried, uncrowded rural idyll, much greener than Smaland, dotted with manor houses and small villages of whitewashed cottages and cobbled streets. The people here are known for their easygoing conviviality.

The capital of Skåne and the south is Malmö, Sweden's third city and major port. My hotel room overlooked the main square and the city's medieval buildings, including a splendid copper-roofed town hall built in 1546 and restyled in the 19th century.

A little way off the city centre is Malmöhus Castle, built by a Danish king when Malmö was the second city of Denmark. Now a museum, the castle is surrounded by a fabulous leisure area of parkland, lakes and waterways.

Malmö is a good base from which to embark on a castle and church-spotting journey through Skåne. A natural first stopping-point is the university town of Lund, just ten miles away.

This has been a renowned centre of learning since the Middle Ages, and the quietly academic atmosphere of the town has been faithfully retained. The 12th-century cathedral, a fine Romanesque structure with two massive square towers, was built at a time when Lund was the Christian focal point for all Scandinavia, encompassing 22 churches and seven monasteries.

An ideal time for visiting the cathedral is around noon, when a piece of mechanical wizardry from the Middle Ages is on display. One of those clocks that tells you everything from the time of day to the position of the stars, it acknowledges the midday hour with an organ melody and a short divinity lesson enacted by the Three Wise Men, who pop out of their cubicles in the clock face to file past the Virgin and Child. The founder of Lund, incidentally, was King Canute, who ruled both England and Denmark.

Back in Malmö, the bridge builders are at it again, this time constructing a link across to Copenhagen.

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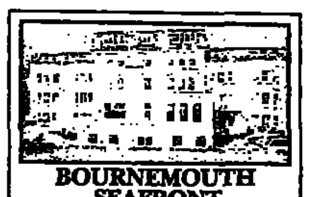

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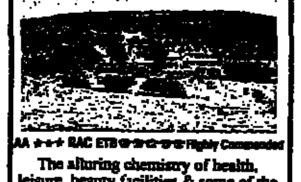

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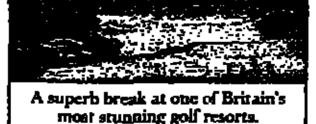

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CHESS

by Raymond Keene

KASPAROV'S final game against Deep Blue was a disaster. Everyone blamed his opening. However, is that the full story? Let me remind you of the moves of the game.

White: Deep Blue: Black: Garry Kasparov; New York, May 1997
Caro-Kann Defence

1	e4	c6	2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	dxe4	4	Nxe4	Nd7
5	Ng5	Ngf6	6	Bd3	e6
7	N1f3	h6	8	Nxe6	Qe7
9	0-0	fxe6	10	Bg6+	Kd8
11	Bf4	b5	12	a4	Bb7
13	Re1	Nd5	14	Bg3	Kc8
15	axb5	cxb5	16	Qd3	Bc6
17	Bf5	exf5	18	Rxe7	Bxe7
19	c4	Black resigns.			

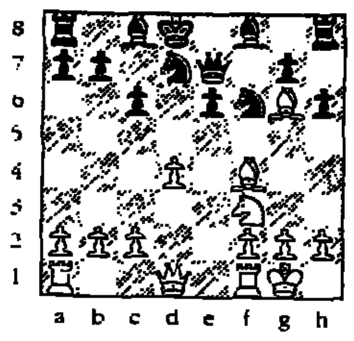
In October 1996 at Jena in Germany grandmaster Gennadi Timoshenko, formerly Garry Kasparov's second, contested a match against a combination of the Fritz computer program and human minder Ingo Althofer. The match was won by the Fritz/Althofer tandem by 4½-3½. In one game, Timoshenko risked exactly the same variation as Black with which Kasparov suffered such a debacle in game six. But Timoshenko drew.

In the *International Computer Chess Association Journal* of March 1997, Timoshenko published his game with the verdict: "After the knight sacrifice, Black has enough possibilities for defence." It is surprising that Kasparov's preparation should have overlooked Timoshenko's conclusions in this prime source for information on computer advances. It is even more surprising that Frederic Friedel, a developer of Fritz and subscriber to the computer journal, as well as advising Kasparov on computers, should not have drawn his attention to this article.

Timoshenko writes that the position after 7 ... **h6**, contrary to initial reaction, is defensible for Black. The problems came later. First, the early alternative **8 ... fxe6 9 Bg6+ Ke7** is not nearly as bad as Kasparov must have believed it to be. Timoshenko's article quotes none less than Anatoly Karpov as giving **10 0-0 Qc7 11 Re1 Kd8 12 c4** (or **12 Rxe6 Bd6 13 Re1 Nf8 14 Bd3 Bg4** which is better for Black) **12 ... Bb4 13 Re2 Nf8 14 Ne5 Nxg6 15 Nxg6 Re8 16 c5 Qf7! 17 Ne5 Qh5 18 Ne4 b5** with Black on top. This turns out to be analysis by the Peruvian grandmaster Granda Zuniga from his Black win against Patrick Wolff at New York in 1992.

Timoshenko describes this whole variation as quite unclear: a possible improvement for White is **11 e4 Kd8 12 Qe2 Bd6 13 Rd1 Nf8 14 Bc2** as in Fogarasi-Szabolsci, Hungary 1995, though this game ended in a draw.

The next critical moment in the game occurred on Black's 11th move.



Here Kasparov played **11 ... b5**. Fritz/Althofer-Timoshenko, Jena 1996 continued:

11 ..	Nd5	12 Bg3	Qb4
13 Qb1	Ne7	14 c3	Qa5
15 Bh4	Kc7	16 Bg3	Kd8
17 Bh4	Kc7	with equality.	

Of course, White's 13th move novelty deviates from the most dangerous theoretical tries, but Timoshenko suggests there is an answer for everything. For example, **13 Qe2 Be7 14 c4 N5b6 15 b3 Bf6 16 Rad1 Qe7 17 Rfe1** with compensation for the knight, but no clear win. Alternatively, **13 Re1 Be7 14 Qe2 Bf6 15 c4 Ne7 16 a3 Qb3 17 Bd3**. This is Chandler-Hubner, Biel 1987, but here Timoshenko quotes analysis by the Australian grandmaster Ian Rogers suggesting that **17 ... Nf8 18 Rad1 Bd7 19 Ne5 Be8** is still playable.

If Kasparov had prepared his defence properly, it might well have proved that allowing — provoking — White's sacrifice on move eight could have led to an unbalanced position in which victory for both sides was still possible. At the least, Kasparov's camp should have regarded the *ICCA Journal* as required reading.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Rigachov - Kurajica, Pula 1997.

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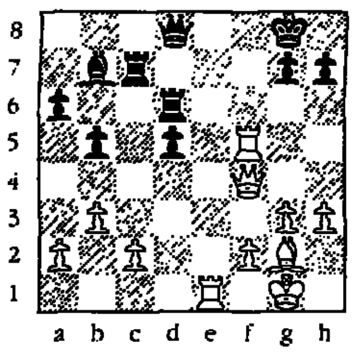

Last week's solution: 1 Qxe5

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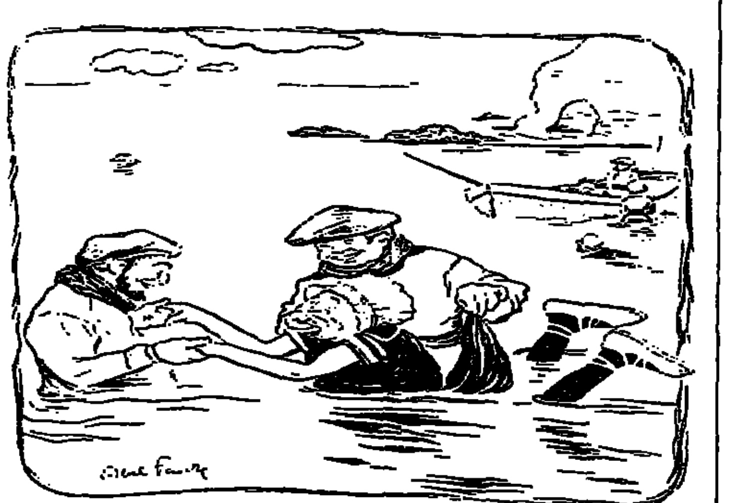

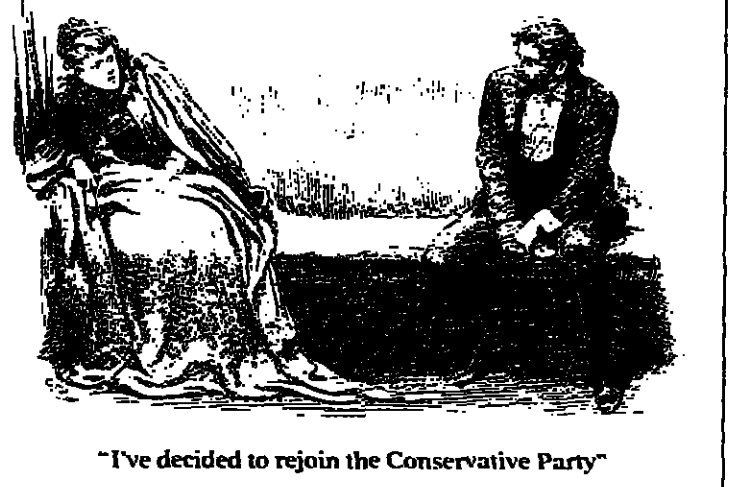

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The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was submitted by S.Godsell of Bristol

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ABECEDARIAN
a. A primitive heretic
b. The giant redwood
c. Elementary

REPULLULATE
a. Disgusting
b. With ingrowing toenails
c. To sprout again

DIAMANTIFEROUS
a. Bearing diamonds
b. To do with caves
c. Wearing a cloak

RIGIDULOUS
a. Silly
b. Working as a serf
c. A bit stiff

Answers on page 21

BRIDGE

by Robert Sheehan

IN MOST RESPECTS the laws of rubber bridge and duplicate are the same. However, in light-hearted rubber bridge, players will frequently waive their rights after minor infractions. That is not the case in major tournaments. An incident at the 1997 Spring Foursomes (one of the three most important domestic events) sharply illustrated the difference in attitudes. The current British internationals, Stuart and Gerald Tredinnick, were North-South on the hand below, with Oliver Segal West and John Cox East.

Dealer West Love all IMPs

North:
♠8732
♥K985
♦AK4
♣54

West:
♠AKJ
♥764
♦J86
♣AQ92

East:
♠10654
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♦7532
♣J76

South:
♠Q9
♥AQJ10
♦Q109
♣K1083

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The opening lead of a low club went to the jack and king. Declarer crossed to the king of hearts and led a spade to the nine and jack.

West now had four more black winners and started to cash them. After the ace and queen of clubs (setting up South's ten), he led a top spade: on this East carelessly played a heart, correcting it before a revoke was established to a spade. South exercised his right to treat the heart as a major penalty card, which meant he could ask for a heart lead. So West was not allowed to cash his remaining spade, and declarer made 3NT. Thus a contract which was going off made because of a mechanical error by the defence.

Stuart Wheeler, for the team that suffered, agreed that South was entitled to act as he did, but clearly thought it was unsportsmanlike to enforce the penalty. Wheeler comes from a rubber bridge background.: he is an ex-chairman of the card committee of the Portland Club, which is responsible for drafting both the Rubber Bridge and the Duplicate Bridge Laws. The penalty under both sets of laws for East's heart play is the same, though it certainly would not have been exacted at the Portland Club.

The Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge support Tredinnick's action. The section entitled "Non-offenders Exercise of Legal Options" states: "It is appropriate [for the innocent side] to select that action most advantageous." (I presume the abrupt ending implies "advantageous to the innocent side".)

I discussed the incident with several international players and they all thought Tredinnick was right. Most made the point that it is best to play strictly according to the laws. That way everyone knows where they stand. It is too impractical to draft the laws to say "a penalty should not be enforced if it is obvious it had no bearing on the play" — it would be a nightmare for the tournament directors to decide what is "obvious".

So the conclusion is, if you would be upset by your opponents playing to the letter of law, don't play tournament bridge.

COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

by Tim Wapshott

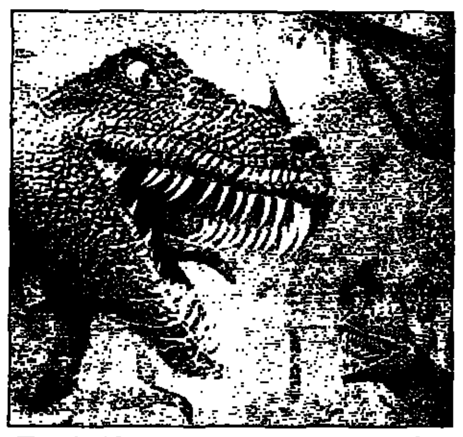
IN THE four months since Nintendo launched its mighty N64 console, one game has emerged as the most popular, doing amazing business despite a hefty price tag in the region of £70, give or take a penny. Nintendo owes a great debt to Acclaim Entertainment for helping the company notch up British sales of its sleek black hardware boxes. **Turok Dinosaur Hunter** is perhaps the first genuine title to appeal to older players — just as well for a game which leaves the rainforest dripping with blood.

Doom meets the Amazon in Turok, and it is the first time a first-person perspective game has worked as well on a console as a PC. The hero of the title is part Tarzan, part Rambo and he roams a steamy lost land inhabited by unfriendly dinosaurs and hostile armed aliens.

Turok's world is massive and masterfully crafted. It is an instant-classic, lickety-split blast-feast wholly immersed in beautifully detailed, atmospheric settings. To the battle cries of the fearless dinosaurs and aliens are added a seductive rainforest cacophony and tribal drums pounding in the distance completing the suspense of the lush visuals. Even the masters of Doom and Quake, id Software, have some things to learn from the Turok game engine.

But the controller is awkward to use: you need to press direction buttons at the same time as operating the mini-joystick to keep Turok's gaze dead ahead. The stick is oversensitive, so too much time is spent staring at the ground or up into the heavens while some assailant directly ahead is shredding you to smithereens. A trigger on the underside of the control fires the arrows, bullets and bombs. Fortunately, the title has a comprehensive training programme to help master tricky movements before embarking on the full adventure.

Since Turok makes Jurassic Park look like another day in Paradise, this is not a game for young children to be left to explore on their own. Still, younger players do best for variety so far in the N64 department. There is something menacing lurking in Turok's murky green and brown hues but most of the other games favour bright, primary colours and clearly entice a younger market.



Turok Dinosaur Hunter from Acclaim Entertainment appeals to older players

Nintendo's **Super Mario 64** is a very slick platform game with plenty of wizardry. But it has to be said that there is a tweeness about it which makes it unpalatable when you get home from the pub late on Friday night. There seems to be a Star Wars title on every format going and, in the case of the N64, it is Nintendo's **Star Wars — Shadows of the Empire**. The action adventure looks fine but just misses the spot.

Nintendo's **WaveRace 64** places you up to your waist in water and behind the handlebars of throbbing jet-ski machines. The water effects are superlative, as difficult to predict as the real thing. It looks great, and plays well as a solo game. But this is the first two-player game to have been launched for the N64 and, sadly, in dual-player split-screen mode it is considerably less stimulating.

Nintendo's next two-player N64 will be **Super Mario Kart**, which has already sold phenomenally well in Japan and America. As a regular racing game, it promises to have a little more longevity perhaps than the company's earliest N64 titles. Whether it can outsell Turok in Britain this year is another matter. Although we've yet to see the promised variety of N64 titles reach double figures in the UK, Nintendo must take heart from the fact that it hasn't come up with the one game that is a flop on the new format. That accolade goes to the off-centre **Fifa Soccer** from Electronic Arts.

This is the last call for **Cyberspace Thirty-Two**, but if you haven't entered yet you had better be quick — the closing date is next Tuesday, June 10. This is a competition with younger computer users in mind because the prizes are a dozen Pingu paraphernalia bundles, including a copy of the BBC's Pingu CD-Rom plus a video, book, audio tape and Pingu figurines based on the winning clay-mation series.

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This week's Top Tip comes from Jeremy Matheson of Norfolk: "How to clean your computer: dismantle using hammer, chisel and crowbar. Sandblast all components. Reassemble using glue, and nails if necessary."

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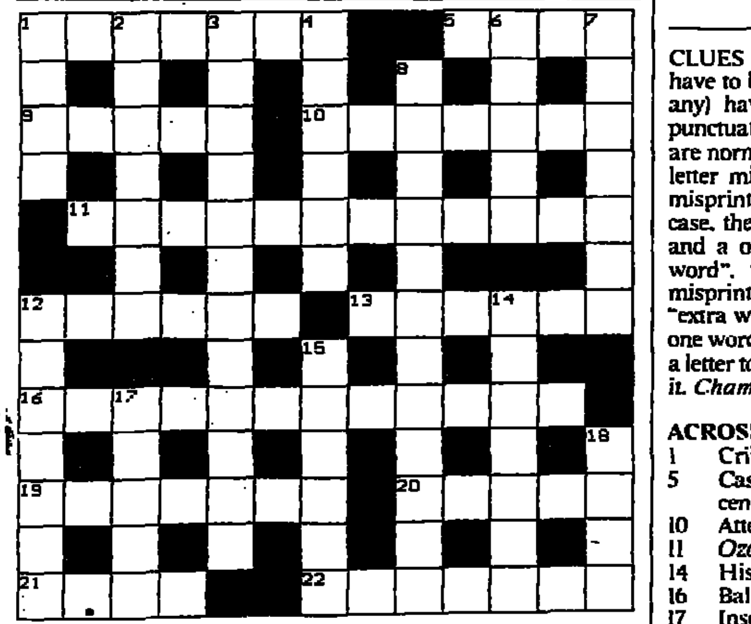

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1 Vigorous (exercise); requiring oxygen (7)
5 Poem of heroic deeds (4)
9 Tree: its sap for syrup (5)
10 Official command, commission (7)
11 Round which one twists the dominated (6,6)
12 International agreement (6)
13 Not noticed (6)
16 Be highly significant (5,7)
19 Versus (7)
20 Pulpy: way to have peas (5)
21 Himalayan creature (4)
22 Imprisonment (*arch.*), usu. *vile* (7)

DOWN
1 Fighting force (4)
2 Repeated musical passage (7)
3 Astonishing (12)
4 Force, require (6)
6 Minor (plane, car) accident (*slang*) (5)
7 V-shaped stripe (7)
8 Unusually fine autumn (6,6)
12 Chiantishire (7)
14 Ralph Waldo —, US sage (7)
15 Customary (*archaic*) (6)
17 Pass into law (5)
18 Ditch: embankment (4)

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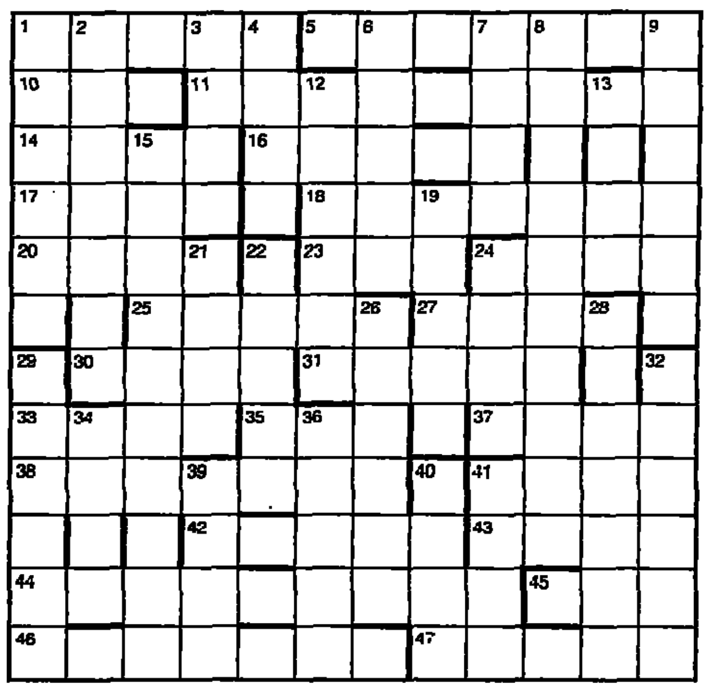
1 Crib epitaph after end of fuss about banknote (5)
5 Casts down pence with energy, then spouts about cents (7)
10 Attempt to win coconut is withdrawn (3)
11 *Ozodendron?* — scoundrel's corrupt jargon (9)
14 Historic deeds in father's time (4)
16 Balance unit SI list does not approve (5)
17 Insect paste put before a tapir (4)
18 Grant — second chap who criticises fungus woman — is to escape jug (7)
20 Silver splendour found at end of tin passage — but there's a catch! (4)
23 Heather thanks women for marble (3)
24 Carol departs with imp to get earthenware (4)
25 The tractor as war machine (5)
27 Enthusiasm shown in crazes, temporarily (4)
30 Flaccid airship fails to launch (4)
31 Alert! Deranged gluttonous relation! (5)
33 Dog food — crab? (4)
35 Scold bar women's group — that knife needs good finish (3)
37 Do exploit for pretty girl (4)
38 Degree of heat is smelly in mystic east (7)
41 Geological discontinuity shows watery elements soiling after a moment (4)
42 Mysterious radar echo from heavenly body (5)
43 Moulding contract to entwine strands (4)
44 Extremes of kitsch ring and ormolu rods in worse accommodation for the poor parrot (9)
45 Widow's benefit received by granny (3)
46 Paper traditions start with oral rambling and, it is said, two wise kings? (7)
47 Part of scabbard once put back in a chest (5)

DOWN
1 Assert your skydivers raced partially upward pressure (6)
2 Risk pound for part of church (7)
3 Expert fliers fight soldiers in services (4)
4 Measure jump by skater — clumsy oaf loses his head! (4)
6 Compensation paid to the bereaved, little by little, before end of week (5)
7 Sheep sheltered by passerine crow — we saw! (4)
8 Ordinary prisoner's first; something rarer carrying small tax charge brings admission (10)
9 Parthenogenetic, agoraphobic, ambidextrous, iconoclastic — discharge leading shop couples! (6)
12 Arrest bungled as detailed breakdown of picture sent to receiver (6)
13 New grandchildren, och aye! Though that's not what we say (4)
15 Where you find material for writing letters, in a street store perhaps (10)
19 Weak letter home — about time for rod of iron (5)
21 Photograph the way crack troops go across country — yes, US redcaps (4)
22 Plane crawled maybe to soft bean marsh (5)
24 See river king (4)
26 Risk annoyance after senior head of department pulled punch? (6)
28 Spruce up — there's a mosquito. To bear it is, in short, trying (7)
29 Herring quartets up above lake spread allegiance widely (6)
32 Record cuckoo in this volcanic waste; air is mingled with sulphur and carbon monoxide (6)
34 This of 39 is the same, whichever you choose: double it is 43 (4)
36 Some young, others not born (5)
39 Serve Virginia something intoxicating in the South Seas (4)
40 Irish seer's fury: halves in wrong order (4)
41 Swear one salmon in copper vessel (4)



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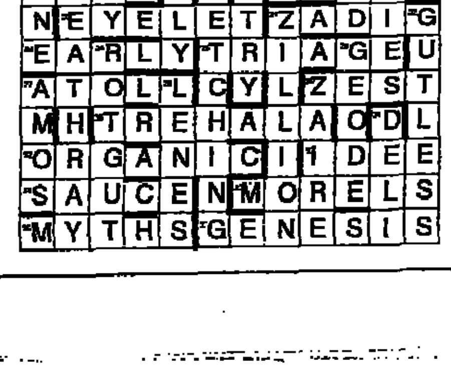

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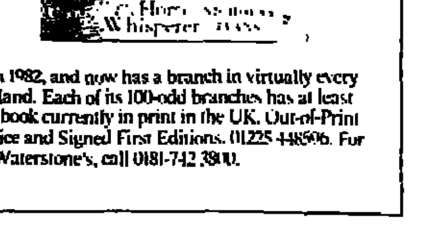

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The height of Mazda's empire

On adverts or in real life, Henry Wallace is head and shoulders above the rest as Ford's man in Hiroshima. A Scotsman crossing cultural barriers talks to **Ian Morton**

He is accosted in the street and asked for his autograph. He is approached when doing the weekend shopping. He is acknowledged on the Bullet Train. He is recognised by customs staff at Tokyo airport and waved through while others fumble for their passports. He is Wallace-san, the Edinburgh-born master of 25,000 Japanese car workers.

As boss of Hiroshima-based Mazda, Henry Wallace is the most famous foreigner in modern Japan. The first non-Japanese to head a major company, he is a one-man commercial and cultural breakthrough, the personification of a new attitude in one of the world's most closed societies. A Scot working for Ford of Detroit directs the fate of Japan's fifth largest motor manufacturer.

If there is dented national pride, it does not show. It is not within the Japanese character to reveal such feelings. Rather, the reverse attitude is evident. Mazda publicity experts advised making a virtue of having the country's first foreign president.

They persuaded Wallace — against his own inclination, he says — to participate in a media campaign, featuring him in newspaper ads to project to local car buyers that Mazda boasts its share of the expertise that has made the Japanese motor industry so respected around the world.

"I wasn't prepared for this high profile, I don't particularly enjoy it, and it can be uncomfortable," admits this Leicester University-educated economist. "But I live with it. It comes with the job. After all, Mazda provides 40 per cent of employment here, I'm in the news a lot, and I'm easily identified. There are not many foreigners in Hiroshima, and even fewer over six feet."

Henry Daniel George Wallace, named after his mother's brothers, may be a reluctant star, but under his tutelage Mazda has accelerated out of a £250m trading loss and £3.4bn of debts three years ago into a projected current annual profit of £30m and £2.1bn of debts.

How has this 52-year-old emerged as the hero of a city flattened by an atom bomb a matter of weeks before he was born? A Ford high-flyer since 1971, he started with the UK company and held increasingly senior positions in Detroit, Mexico, Germany and Venezuela before joining Mazda as an adviser in 1989.

At this time Ford, which had been trading technology with the Japanese firm for two decades, had taken a quarter of Mazda equity. When Wallace arrived, the company was struggling with model proliferation, high internal costs, and expensive niche models that had been hit by the recession. At one stage there were 140,000 unsold cars in Mazda compounds.

Wallace's double brief was to help Mazda restructure and to exploit the "strategic relationship" between the two companies by nurturing themes that would benefit both into the next century. As this process developed, it was decided that problems of American and European trade regulations forbidding the pooling of key information should be overcome by Ford's taking a controlling 33.4 per cent stake in Mazda. At the same time, Wallace was promoted representative director and president.

So far he has slimmed down the workforce from 30,000 through natural wastage and voluntary redundancies, and has instituted a stringent cost-cutting regime. Wading into the problems of a Japanese firm has been a daunting task, he admits, and the blending of two cultures into a working relationship remains a major preoccupation.

"I have a great feeling of responsibility," he says. "It's a big change for the Japanese to contemplate. I'd like to think I'm at the forefront of the breakdown of national and cultural barriers, but there is still a long way to go. It will be some time before we see another Westerner in this position."

Language is an obvious hurdle. In previous appointments, Wallace absorbed German, French and Spanish to conversational levels. Already he has enough Japanese to recognise and utilise the fact that it exists on two levels, the defined and the implied, and he works hard at taping colloquial addresses to the workforce. They are said to respect him for that. Staff describe him as "logical, reasonable, keen to learn the facts, ready to debate in the boardroom".

"Moving from a 100 per cent Japanese operation into multinational corporate culture by overcoming national and cultural barriers is a kind of soft area, but it is important," he says. "Having worked internationally, I do have a certain cultural sensitivity, and you need to be flexible as long as the objective is right."

Under his regime, in addition to restructuring, cost-cutting and job reductions, three proposed vehicle projects have been shelved. He considered them "high risk", the sort of cars that helped get Mazda into what Wallace describes as "a pretty rough state" three years ago, when the company was indulging in more diversity than its marketing and sales organisations could handle.

But he has not interfered with manufacturing operations, which he considers among the best. Rather, he subscribes to the Japanese theory of *kaizen* — continuous improvement — and has instituted a four-year programme "to get the Mazda operation to be the best in the world".

He already believes that the car plant at Hofu, home of the new 626 range due for its world debut in the UK in a week's time is the most advanced production facility in existence, even though it is working at only 40 per cent capacity. The 626 will boost output there, pushing Mazda total annual production from 700,000 to 860,000 this year.

By 2000, intends Wallace, Mazda will be "robustly" financed, its debt manageable, the model line-up rational yet comprehensive, the firm's tardiness into key areas like diesel and recreational vehicles will have been rectified and new funding will be pouring into research and development.

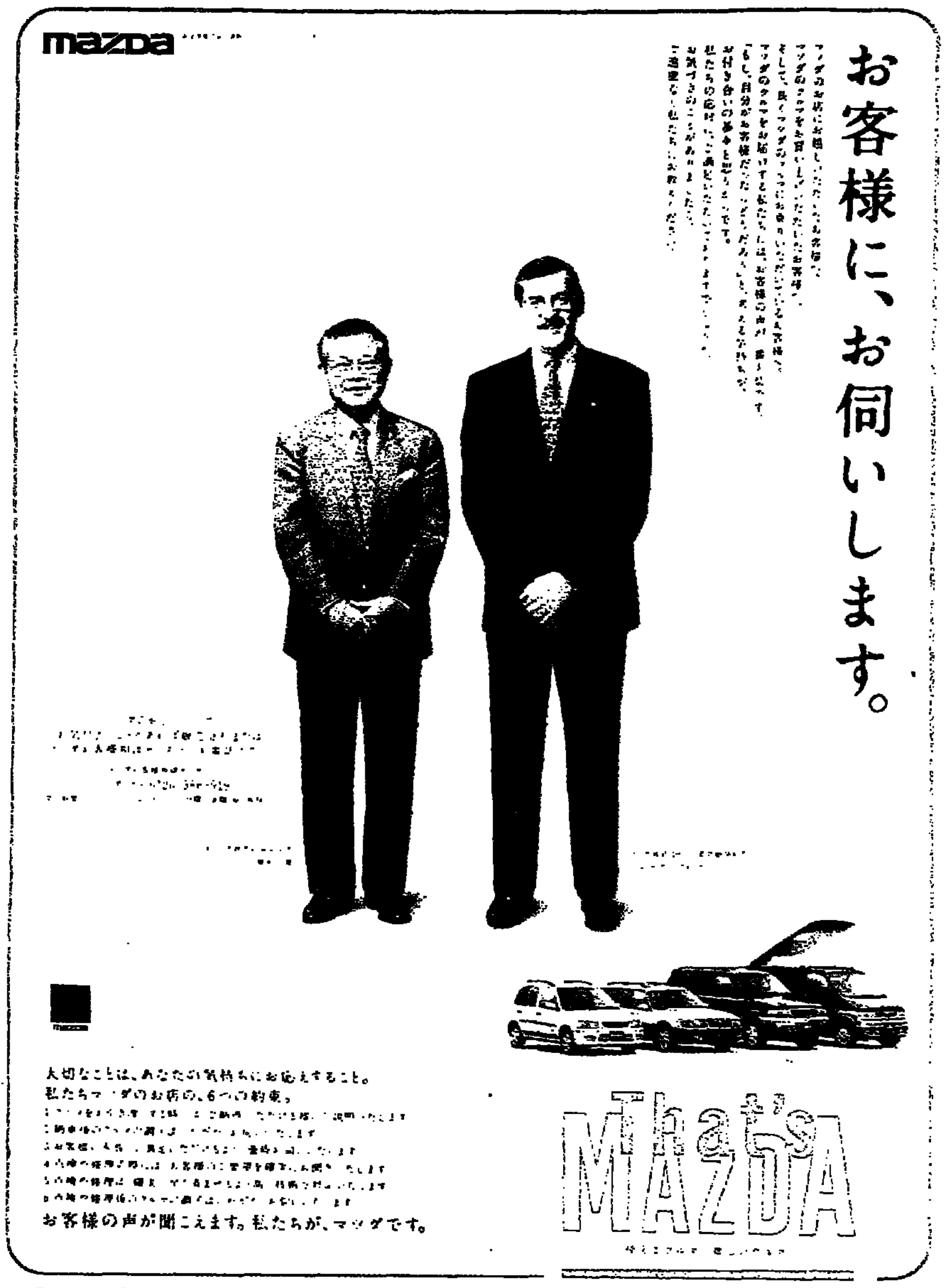
Above all, the fruits of fuller collaboration with Ford will be coming through, with common platforms, engines and transmissions for core vehicles in those segments where the companies have mutual interests, though styling and interiors or treatments will be "so different you would never believe it was the same platform".

By sharing development and component costs, and by exchanging best practices, both companies will "leverage all the synergies of commonality", says Wallace, lapsing into Fordspeak. At the same time, for markets where interests do not coincide, there will be unique Mazda products.

"Independence is a critical issue. Mazda must retain a separate identity. Although their relationship is a business strategy and joint working teams meet regularly, Ford and Mazda are and will remain competitors. They have different buyer profiles and must produce different packages focused on different customers. We will not reach the stage where we simply complement each other.

"I do not see Ford trying to stop a Mazda product. If they did, I would fight to prevent it. Ford pays my salary and I am in a Ford pension plan, but Ford also recognises my responsibilities to Mazda and we know there are going to be times when we have differences of opinion. That was made clear from the start, and knowing it has made my job here easier."

How long will it take? "There is no time limit on how long I stay here. I expect to return to Ford at some stage. Eventually I shall return to England. My children are at British universities. And I am paid not in dollars or yen, but in pounds."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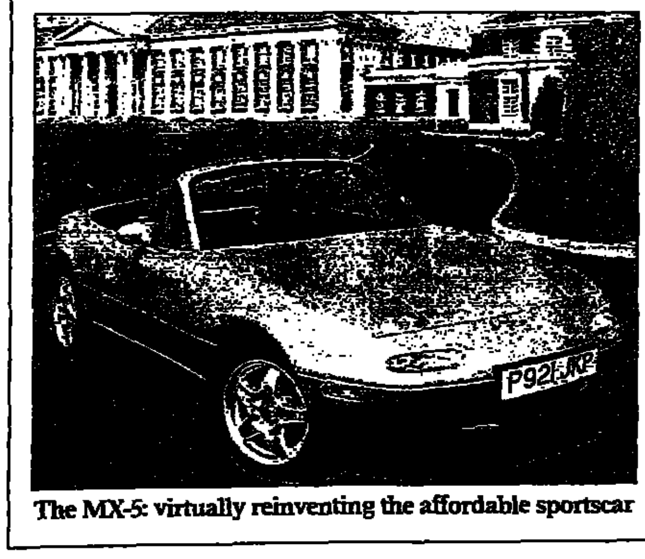
MAZDA FACTS

A motor company made out of cork

- Mazda started as the Toyo Kogyo Cork Co in Hiroshima in 1920, making cork products, but switched to vehicles in 1931 with a three-wheeled truck. Its first export market was China.
- It became Mazda Motor Corporation in 1984, the name a play on the firm's founder, Matsuda, and also on Ahura Mazda, the Lord of Light in ancient Persia.
- Its passenger car production in Japan passed the cumulative 20 million mark last year. Commercial vehicle production has exceeded 10 million.
- The company buys no components in Britain, but technical cooperation in the UK has included diesel development with Perkins as long ago as 1965. Last year UK was the firm's sixth biggest export market with nearly 20,000 cars.
- In 1996, the firm had 11,996 men in its domestic factories, but only 41 women. There were 12,548 men and 1,487 women in the offices.
- Welfare facilities for workers include loans for house and car purchase, dormitories for single employees, company housing for 2,500 families, cut-price supermarkets on company premises, a 300-bed hospital and up to 12 months off to nurse a sick relative with a guaranteed job upon return.



The MX-5: virtually reinventing the affordable sportscar

MODEL RELATIONSHIPS

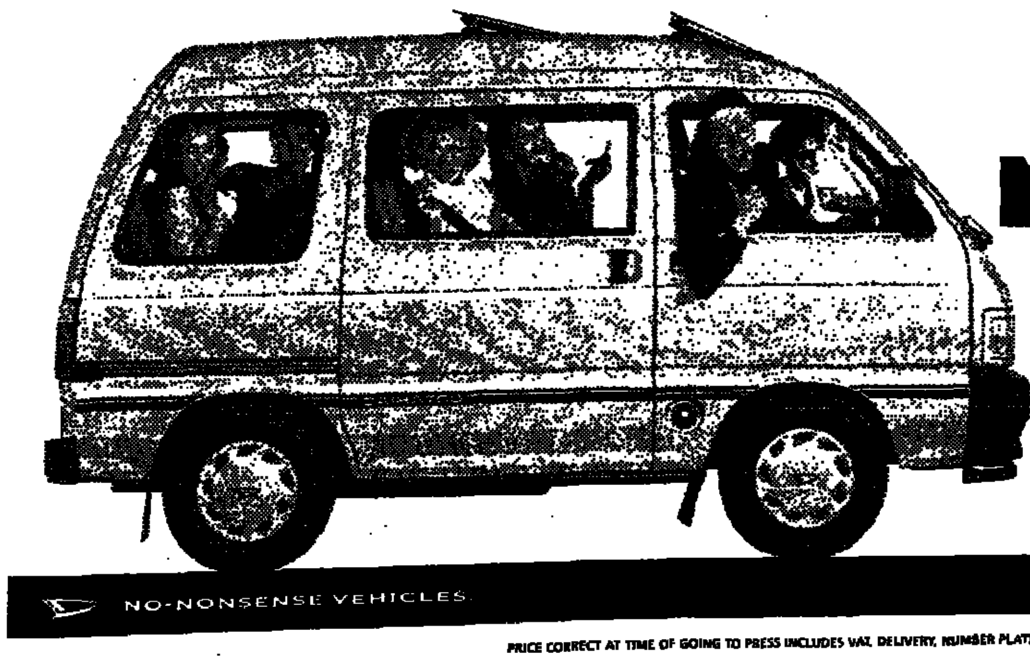
Mazda is best known in Britain for its MX-5, the Lotus Elan lookalike which more or less reinvented the affordable sportscar in 1989 and triggered a generation of two-seaters from a bevy of other manufacturers. The front-engined/rear-drive MX-5 has continued to sell well — last year was its best so far in the UK with 3,885 registrations.

Enthusiasts treasure the RX-7, the now discontinued supercar whose engine symbolised the faith which the company continued to place — expensively — in the rotary engine long after others had dropped it because of its thirst. However, research executives in Hiroshima quietly admit that they have not entirely abandoned the rotary concept.

The range which underlines Mazda's relationship with Ford is the 121, an expedient and barely-disguised version of the Fiesta made for Europe by Ford of Britain in Dagenham, but is saleswise no competitor here for the real thing.

Britain is Mazda's most important European market after Germany. Registrations last year were 49 per cent up on 1995, and have risen by a further third this year.

The 121 range, above, a thinly-disguised Fiesta, shows the Ford links, while the RX-7 is treasured by enthusiasts



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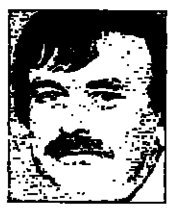

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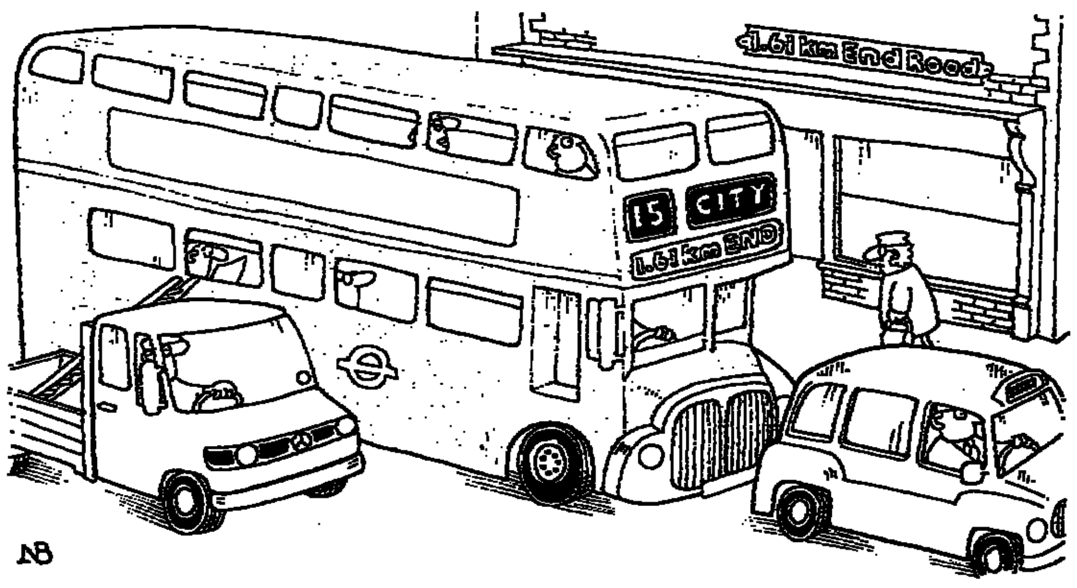

Now that the French have thrown out a government obsessed with the single currency and the German administration has had a rollicking from its central bank about rigging the value of gold reserves, we are fast heading for that happy stage when the ridiculous euro project will be put on the back burner where it belongs.

But of course the euro-fanatics will need some other issue to concern themselves with and Tony Blair will certainly need a palliative to offer his fellow heads of government at the Amsterdam summit. Problem solved, cease all head scratching: Driven to Distraction has again found an issue that can unite Europe and make Blair the toast of the Eurocrats.

Delete the euro, insert the kilometre. Nobody in Britain gives a toss about the single currency, whereas millions of people in Britain would give a lot to shrink the distance from Calais to the Dordogne. Every summer, sometimes several times a summer, we all clonk off the ferry in France to be greeted by a sign to our destination which gives the distance as, say, 947.

A few Brits, macho men, love that moment. They will do the trip in one go, they have spouses who will sustain them through drip feeds and mop their brows with dampened flannels: anything so that the lads back at work can hear how they broke last year's non-stop record.

The rest of us, normal people, are horrified. We cannot possibly drive a car that far, good heavens, it is further than Land's End to John o'Groat's. Already the back seat Luton Girls' Choir is chorusing "How much further is it?" and "Are we nearly there?" and this is before a French customs type has receded from the rear view mirror.

Then realisation dawns: Not 947 miles, but 947 kilometres! A mere bagatelle! No distance at all! In real money (there I go again) 947 kilometres is just . . . er, hang on a minute, divide by eight, multiply by five . . . only 591 miles. Are we nearly there? In English we are.

I was in France last weekend to take in some decent food. We got off the ferry at Roscoff, stayed locally overnight and decided to have a look at the north-west coast of Brittany. We went as far as it is possible without becoming amphibious and it must have taken all of an hour and a half.

Not that it would have taken any longer had the distances been signposted in miles, but the psychology of travel suggests that journeys measured in smaller units than those we are familiar with somehow seem easier to handle. Part of the reason is that we are used to using miles, metaphorically, to indicate enormity: "The two sides are miles apart". Kilometres apart? Not the same at all.

The odd thing about obsessive European standardisation is that no one in Brussels raises the sort of proposal most of us would happily accept. They bang on about straight bananas, but where are the kilo-sceptics and the kilo-enthusiasts? A kilo by weight we have had for years, but a kilo by distance seems, yes, miles away.

Britain went metric in the 1970s and we have taken on board every metric measure except the kilometre. Admittedly, most of us still weigh ourselves in stones and pounds, but that is a generational quirk. Even oldies have become used to metres and centimetres, so why not go the whole hog and introduce the kilometre?

The cost, you say? Estimates range from a few hundred million to £2 billion, so these can be taken with a large pinch of salt. The logistics are more daunting, because of course all our road signs would have to change at once. But the project could be phased-in, with new signs being covered until the great unveiling on Kilometre Day.

D for Decimal Day, widely predicted as an expensive shambles, in fact went smoothly. K-Day could be just as successful and would put Britain "at the heart of Europe", the best position from which to fight the wilder schemes of the federalists.

Running risks for motorists

Kevin Eason on the problems of new pollution law

Motoring organisations are working fast to persuade the Government not to penalise motorists unfairly in its "green" drive to clear pollution from towns and cities.

Gavin Strang, the Transport Minister, this week signalled roadside checks and on-the-spot fines to improve air quality by penalising motorists polluting the atmosphere. But the first proposals were baffling motoring organisations, which warned they could be unworkable and do little except cause bad feeling among drivers who believed they were being targeted by over-zealous police or wardens.

Dr Strang said the measures would include fining drivers who leave their engines running while not moving — which would confront tens of thousands of drivers daily caught up in traffic jams and delays. They will now have to switch off their ignitions or risk being charged with a new offence of "producing unnecessary emissions".

But who determines when the engine is running unnecessarily? The RAC warned yesterday that the offence was wide open to interpretation so that neither driver nor enforcer would be entirely sure how it would work.

Jeremy Vanke, the RAC's environment expert, warns: "In very cold weather, there is a safety aspect to keeping the engine running while you are standing still because the heating system keeps the windows, particularly the windscreen, demisted and clear.

"That is clearly an important function, so it would be debatable whether it is better to switch off the engine or keep it running."

No time limit was suggested by Dr Strang so motorists will have no idea whether they fall foul of the law after 30 seconds or 30 minutes of running.

"If the Government is proposing this as an offence," adds Dr Vanke, "Ministers must be sure they know what they mean otherwise the permutations are endless. For instance, people start their cars on winter mornings to help clear snow and ice from their cars. Now somebody could come along and, the next thing you know, you have been fined."

The "switch-off" law already applies in Switzerland where signs attached to traffic lights tell drivers when to turn off their engines. Motorists parked temporarily are also expected to switch off.

But, apart from in Geneva, Switzerland rarely suffers the sort of stop-go traffic which would confront a driver in London every day.

RAC engineers say that switching off an older car and then restarting at traffic lights, particularly a vehicle that uses carburretors rather than fuel injection, would probably mean more pollution. Cars with catalytic converters also do not work at their most efficient unless they are "warmed up" for several minutes, so their engines might be better left running than switched off.

Volkswagen tried to sell a car in Britain — the Golf Ecomatic — which automatically switched off when it stopped and started up again with the application of the throttle. But it failed, and is no longer on sale.

Dr Vanke, whose RAC is now in the vanguard of the change to finding ways of sensible travel which might not include the car, adds: "There probably is no point in switching off the engine at traffic lights in any case. But we need to know if this can be policed. If it cannot, then we must speak out."

Emissions: drivers stopped at lights or in traffic jams will have to switch off or risk a fine

POLLUTION facts and figures:

- Today's cars produce only 10 per cent of the emissions of models 20 years ago, according to the Retail Motor Industry Federation.
- Controls ordered by the European Commission mean exhaust emissions in 2000 will be half those of cars on sale today and only 3 to 5 per cent of a Seventies model.
- Fuel economy of a supermini in 1978 averaged 28mpg: it is now 40 and rising.
- Ten per cent of traffic causes 50 per cent of the pollution.
- Tailpipe emissions from a petrol engine comprise 72.9 per cent nitrogen, 14 per cent water, 13 per cent carbon dioxide and traces of carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons.

Survivors of snow, sand and 38 punctures

LEE FARRANT

Night riders of the Gobi: "We had a fantastic time and experienced things we shall never be able to repeat. I have made some wonderful friends." says Britain's Trevor Smith

Perry Cleveland-Peck and the Camel Trophy teams complete their odyssey

After 20 days, 1,500 miles and 38 punctures,the Camel Trophy came to an end at Genghis Khan's ancient capital of Kharakorum on the central plains of Mongolia last Sunday. The UK team Discovery, already severely punished, limped its way to the registration tent with only minutes to spare after the brake pipes to the rear wheels of the vehicle were sheared by a flying stone while crossing the Gobi desert.

The event has been marked by contrast: the incredible changes in weather — from snowdrifts to sandstorms; the comparison between the untouched countryside and the state of exhausted and filthy team members travelling across it; the diversity of the cultures, be it of the Mongolian herdsman or of the 20 national teams taking part and the many flavours and aromas that emerged from their campsite mess tins.

But if there was contrast there was also consistency, namely the unending team spirit of the participants. The Turks and the Greeks, from two nations virtually at war, became the best of friends after spending 36 hours in a snowstorm buried up to their axles in permafrost. Having emerged from their snowholes they spent the rest of the following day winching their vehicles out of the valley where they had disappeared.

Meanwhile, the British team had broken their icy camp and turned south, away from the frozen alititudes of the Hangai Nuruu mountains and in the direction of the dust and searing 30C heat of the Gobi desert. This was traditional Camel Trophy stuff — convoys travelling 100 yards apart and with all lights blazing to maintain visibility through the clouds of dust.

The lack of natural features in the Gobi made navigation increasingly difficult and teams were forced to rely on their satellite positioning devices. Many tracks simply petered out at a dried river bed and vehicles were permanently in second gear and low ratio differential lock as they chugged up sand dunes to U-turn.

Having completed a day of kayaking and orienteering tasks at the magical Ogrog Nuur (Taats Lake) — a huge turquoise body of fresh water surrounded by sand dunes and mountains lost in haze to the south — the teams set off on their final 250-mile drive to Kharakorum. The desert dust had caused a few eye problems and team members were pleased to find themselves on the crisp, grassy valleys north of the Gobi, so reminiscent of the European Alps.

A demob happy evening campsite, a final sprint to the finish line and a morning's cycling and kayaking competitions later and participants found themselves outside the largest Buddhist temple in Mongolia to the west of Kharakorum. Here they were told their final positions. Austria won and lifted the Camel Trophy skywards to cheers from their colleagues and showers of champagne. The UK, having dropped two places on the final day's tasks, came 15th. Although disappointed, Trevor Smith, one member of the two-man UK team, summed up the three week expedition for everyone. "We all had a fantastic time and experienced things we shall never be able to repeat. I have made some wonderful friends and it was a privilege to be selected."

While some would argue that the Camel Trophy is nothing more than a massive marketing tool to promote their adventure wear products — although there is strangely no mention of the brand's cigarettes — there is no doubt that for those who take part it is a unique adventure that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

CAMEL TROPHY MONGOLIA '97

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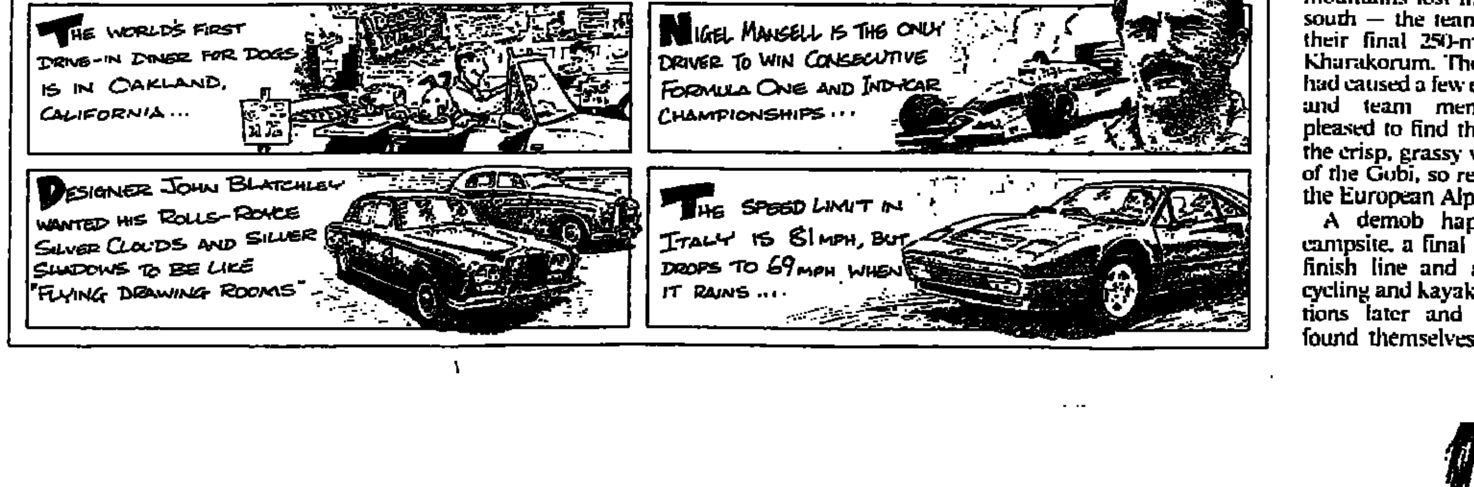
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AA GRIDLOCK GUIDE

● **LONDON**

A1209 Bethnal Green Road. Long-term roadworks between Vallence Road and Cambridge Heath Road.

A11 Leytonstone. Major roadworks with lane closures at A12 roundabout.

A4 Pall Mall. Roadworks on westbound carriageway at King Street and Waterloo Place.

A302 Westminster. Roadworks on Bridge Street by Parliament Square.

A306 Hammersmith Bridge. Closed both ways to general traffic.

A5 Kilburn High Road. Major roadworks with only one lane open.

A406 Upper Edmonton. Major roadworks on Angel Road (North Circular) over Lea Valley viaduct.

A4 South Kensington. Major roadworks on Gloucester Road. Regular delays from Earls Court or beyond.

B317 West Kensington. North End Road closed northbound from A4 to A315, with one-way traffic southbound.

● **SOUTH-EAST**

M40 Buckinghamshire. Long-term roadworks with contraflow between junctions 1a (M25) and 3 (Wycombe East).

A127 Southend. Roadworks on Victoria Avenue at junction with Caernarvon Road.

M20 West Malling, Kent. Long-term works for erection of traffic signals on the slip roads and roundabout.

M40 Oxfordshire. Resurfacing work between Watlington and Oxford. Drivers heading to junction 8 of the M40 from Oxford are advised to use A40 and A418.

A3 Guildford, Surrey. Roadworks with contraflow at A31 interchange. A31 also affected.

M25 Surrey. Restrictions and lane closures both ways between Reigate and A3.

● **SOUTH-WEST**

B4051 Bristol. Ashley Road, Saint Pauls. Temporary lights at junction with Sussex Place.

M5 Bristol. Contraflow across Avonmouth Bridge with 50mph limit.

M5 Devon. Lane closure on junction 29 northbound exit slip road, leading to contraflow on A30 at Sowton.

A31 near Ferndown, Dorset. Lane closures on roundabout at Canford Bottom.

A40 Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Temporary lights for roadworks on Old Bath Road.

A4 Box Hill, Wiltshire. Temporary lights for water work.

● **MIDLANDS AND EAST ANGLIA**

A1 Alconbury, Cambridgeshire. Construction work with contraflow and lane closures.

A6 Lockington, Leicestershire. Long-term roadworks between M1 junction 24 and Sawley Island.

A1064 Acle, Norfolk. Temporary lights at Acle Way bridge.

A500 Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. Contraflow on The Queensway (D road), with only one lane open each way between Talke and Porthill.

A50 Stoke on Trent. Major construction work at Meir.

A446 Hams Hall, near Coleshill, Warwickshire. Lane closures at Newlands Lane junction.

● **NORTH**

A689 between A19 and A1185, north of Middlesbrough at Wolviston, Durham, reduced to one lane.

M62 East Riding. Carriageway reduced to one lane both ways between Howden and North Cave with 50mph limit.

Blackley, Greater Manchester. Major roadworks at junction of Rochdale Road, Victoria Avenue and Manchester New Road.

A627 Ashton Road, Bardsley, Greater Manchester. Temporary lights near Coal Pit Lane.

A19 North Yorkshire. Major roadworks with two lanes each way between Thornaby-on-Tees and Billingham. Only one lane on some slip roads. 50mph limit.

M1 West Yorkshire. Major roadworks continue around Leeds junction with lane closures and speed restrictions. Expect delays on M1, M621 and Dewsbury Road.

● **SCOTLAND**

Aberdeen Anderson Drive reduced to one lane between Seafield Road roundabout and Queens Road.

M9 Newbridge Spur, Edinburgh. Major roadworks at Newbridge roundabout.

M9 Stirling. Maintenance work with the outside lane closed northbound and both outside and inside lanes closed southbound.

East Kilbride South Lanarkshire. Temporary lights on Main Street

● **WALES**

A48 Carmarthen. Lane closures at Pensarn roundabout.

A5119 New Brighton, Flintshire. Roadworks with temporary lights, also closed at times. Diversion via Mold bypass.

A449 Monmouthshire. Roadworks between Usk Junction and M4 junction 24 Newport.

A483 Fabian Way, Swansea. Lane closures both ways near the docks entrance on main dual carriageway into Swansea from M4.

A472 Pontypool, Torfaen. Contraflow between Pontymoile and Heron roundabout. Lengthy delays, especially from the A4042 direction.

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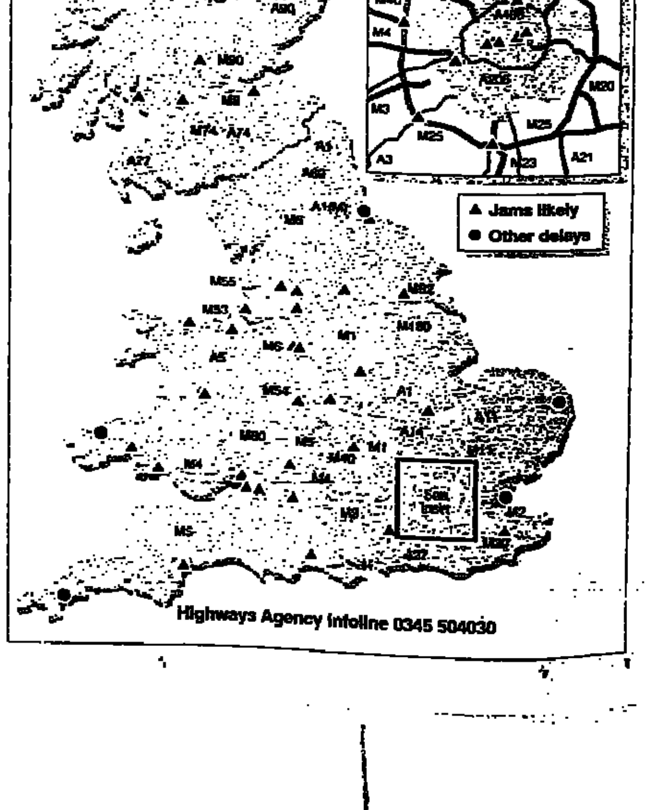

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However inexperienced, a driver can get behind the wheel of a supercar. **Kevin Eason** looks at the dangers

When a test drive turns deadly

KENT COURIER

The £69,000 Viper GTS after a man who has held an advanced licence for 23 years made an error of judgment while overtaking. There are calls for tighter rules on who can drive such high-performance cars

Checklist for safety

DO...

- BE SURE you are capable of handling a high-performance car. No matter how good you think you are, inexperience can prove lethal.
- ASK the salesman for advice about the car's characteristics before taking the wheel so that there are no nasty surprises at the first corner.
- TAKE a high-performance driving course to understand accelerating and braking in a powerful car very different to your usual runabout.
- MAKE sure you have insurance cover, even for the shortest test drive in an inexpensive car. Accidents happen in the first minutes of unfamiliarity.

DON'T...

- THINK you have to prove your driving prowess in a test car. The salesman has seen it all before and you will only end up looking foolish.
- FORGET that a high-performance car can be as nervous as you will be: one heavy-footed squirt of the throttle could send you into orbit.
- CUT distances too fine. Leave plenty of room between you and other vehicles and any objects that could leave you with a wrecked bumper.
- FORGET that a sports car is low and wide. Your position relative to other traffic is different from what you are used to.

Chrysler has sent warnings to its dealers to take increased care with customers wanting test drives after a potential buyer crashed one of the company's powerful Dodge Vipers.

The 43-year-old is thought to have been in the car for only a few minutes when he attempted to overtake a coach, lost control and ploughed the £69,000 Viper GTS — one of only 17 on sale in Britain this year — into a ditch on a straight stretch of road near Frant in East Sussex. Even though the driver has held an advanced licence for 23 years, he is understood to have miscalculated the width of the massive Viper because it is left-hand drive.

Damage to the front of the car was extensive, though repairable, and both driver and salesman in the passenger seat walked away with cuts and bruises.

However, the crash sent a dramatic reminder to the car industry of what can go wrong when a driver meets a powerful car for the first time and came amid calls for the motor industry to tighten up the rules on test drivers, particularly in high-performance models.

Peter Rawlinson, spokesman at Chrysler, the Dodge importer, says: "As far as we know, the driver was doing only about 50mph when things went wrong. It was very unfortunate but one of those things and it happened to be on a test drive. He was an experienced driver and the dealer involved knew his background.

"We have taken the precaution of circulating our dealers just to remind them of the problems involved with test drives. We cannot be too careful, particularly when it involves cars like the Viper GTS which is a high-performance model and needs care and common sense. Dealers are instructed that they must strictly observe speed limits and to be sensible."

But crashes on test drives have been high-profile enough to prompt the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders to issue guidance to Britain's dealers this month in an effort to avoid the sort of tragedies that have plagued the industry over the past few years.

The new rules say dealers should see the licences of prospective customers before allowing a test drive, and wants extra training for salesmen which include grading them into "power ratings" so they earn the right to demonstrate high performance models, such as the Viper. The American-made car has a mighty eight-litre V10 engine capable of producing 378bhp — enough to fire it from rest to 60mph in 4.5 seconds and on to 177mph.

Yet, in spite of the new warnings, there are no strict legal or industry controls over who can test-drive cars as powerful as the Viper or rivals from Ferrari, Porsche, Aston Martin or Jaguar. In theory, a driver could turn up at a showroom in a Mini and expect to be able to step into a car capable of more than twice the motorway speed limit and with characteristics closer to a Formula One car than a family hatchback.

And the roll call of accidents during test drives over recent years has been lamentable:

- In April this year, insurance executive Keith Moyle was killed when he crashed an E-type Jaguar;
- The previous month, an airline pilot was involved in a crash after taking the wheel of a £69,000 Ferrari Testarossa;
- In 1995, the worst year, a Hertfordshire man was killed and a salesman injured during the test drive of a Ferrari 355; three young friends died after borrowing a Porsche 944 which clipped the kerb and crashed into a tree, and three died in mid-Wales when a Porsche salesman driving his customer crashed head-on into a Renault.

There are no hard and fast rules and manufacturers rely entirely on the acumen and common sense of dealers to spot drivers who might struggle at the wheel of a difficult car. In fact, the only realistic limits are whether the dealer is willing to offer the test drive and the size of cheque potential owners are carrying. Once the car is second-hand and often out of the control of the manufacturer, there are also no rules to prevent any novice — and that could be a long-term, even safe, driver but with no experience of a specialised car — taking the wheel.

A Ferrari is retrieved from the ditch after a spectacular test drive accident; who drives such vehicles is down to dealers

As Alan Ashcroft, brother of Britain's £12 million lottery winner David, discovered last week. David bought his brother his dream car, an £80,000 Ferrari Testarossa — which boasts a 0-60mph time of about 4.5 seconds and top speed of around 175mph. Alan traded up from an E-registration Peugeot 205 hatchback — which would probably need a day-to-day calendar to register the 0-60mph time before reaching a top speed which would only optimistically reach treble figures.

The issue is not whether the 25-year-old could control the Testarossa, with its wide haunches and fat tyres, but whether dealers or manufacturers should insist on a check on driving ability before allowing valuable and powerful cars out of their showrooms.

Porsche played a leading role in drawing up the SMMT document, but admits that it is "down to the dealer to assess the individual who wants a test drive".

However, the company does insist on a training programme for its salesmen, which not only includes courses on high-performance driving, in conjunction with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, but guidance on how to assess customers when they wander in off the street wanting to take the wheel of cars easily capable of 155mph. James Pillar, the company's spokesman in Britain, says: "It is an emotive subject. We are acutely aware of what a high-performance car can do. We want customers to enjoy them, not suffer for them."

Transported into the past by the RAC

Alan Copps on some lost patrols at the Goodwood Festival of Speed

FINDLAY KEMBER

RAC Patrolman John Mitchell with, from left, Ford Anglia van, Austin Chummy and Norton sidecar combination

Swaying gently along the road near Peterborough in the little Austin Chummy once used by RAC superintendents to visit roadside patrols, I couldn't help wondering what this car had to do with a Festival of Speed.

The Chummy, perfectly restored, is one of 27 vehicles illustrating the history of the Royal Automobile Club which will be on display at Goodwood during the festival from June 20-22. With the possible exception of the very latest Triumph patrol motorcycle, none was built for speed. But in its centenary year the RAC has become closely involved with presenting Goodwood's feast of historic motorsport as well as sponsoring the British Grand Prix next month, a reminder that the organisation has been the governing body of UK motorsport for rather longer than it has been a breakdown service.

The 1929 Chummy boasted a clutch whose travel could only be measured in fractions of a millimetre and a change into third required full revs. Jumping from a modern car into this wonderful little vehicle is a potent reminder of the precarious nature of driving even as the age of mass motoring was dawning.

The vehicles range from a 1912 Phelan and Moores motorcycle through Minivans and bubble cars to the Transits and Land Rovers of today in the RAC's newly-adopted orange livery. It has been assembled in an astonishingly short time by Norman Winchester, the organisation's special projects manager. Some have already been seen at shows around Britain, but Goodwood will be the first time they go on display together. Almost all were originally owned by the RAC, although some have had to undergo extensive restoration after being used for very different purposes. One or two have virtually been built from spare parts.

"Some we had already but others we had to trace either through registration numbers in the archives or through photographs or just advertising in magazines. We started last August and the finishing touches are still being put to the last few vehicles," says Winchester.

One of the most carefully cherished is the Norton sidecar combination from the early 1950s owned by John Mitchell, an RAC patrolman for nearly 30 years. "I started in a diesel Land Rover patrolling the M1 in its early days. Now I use an Escort van. The job has changed out of all recognition. Once you carried a set of spanners and a few odds and ends such as points and condensers. Now we carry a CD-Rom which gives access to all kinds of data on every possible make of car.

"But my hobby has always been vintage motorbikes; I've got about a dozen. I've been riding this combination to shows for some time now."

As part of the centenary exercise, John has now also got an early 1950s uniform to match the Norton, a sharp contrast with the leathers worn by present motorcycle patrolmen. Period uniforms are being made to match each of the vehicles.

The combination rates as one of the easier finds in the collection. The 1912 Phelan and Moores motorcycle was discovered in the basement of the RAC's Pall Mall headquarters about 15 years ago. It's the earliest patrol vehicle known and is the only one of the collection to have been left in unrestored condition, although it is still a runner. Everything the pioneer patrolman needed — a First Aid kit and a few spanners — could be accommodated in its small pannier bags.

Other curiosities required a bit more archaeology or negotiation. The Morris Marina van, although comparatively recent, was found in daily use in Northampton; the owner could only be persuaded to let it go by swapping for an even more recent ex-RAC van. The Minivan, one of the most familiar breakdown vehicles for many motorists still on the roads today, had long been retired from RAC service and had been painted startling pink by a later owner.

The Isetta bubble car, perhaps the most curious vehicle to have been used by a knight of the road, was found still running around in Halifax. The organisation tried out six of them in the 1960s but soon had to abandon the experiment because the weight of the tool box on the back made them dangerously unstable.

The interiors have all been restored by one company while the bodywork has been painted by another. Mechanical restoration has been overseen by David Souch of Supamek in Peterborough, specialists in restoring classic vehicles. "My only regret is that we couldn't find original tool-kits for them all," he says.

COMPETITION

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Britain's affair with a permanent Escort

Alan Copps on Ford's durable bestseller

It has been hailed as a world-beater in some of the toughest rallies. it provides basic transport for millions. it was the bestselling car in the world fer eight years. It started as a simple family car, but some of its more powerful models became a boy racer's delight. It is Britain's bestselling car ever: the Ford Escort.

As Ford celebrates *21 years* of market leadership in Britain. it seems that reports of the Escort's imminent demise have been exaggerated. The sales figures for May show it still in second place with nearly 11,000 sold in the month: ahead of it is Ford's Fiesta and behind is the company's Mondeo. The Escort first became the UK's bestseller in 1977 and has remained in the top five ever since with a remarkable 4,350,000 sold since the Mk I was introduced in 1968.

With the current Escort Mk V due to be replaced by a more upmarket. all-new model next year. Ford's marketing men have been discussing whether the time is ripe for a change of name. But one official said this week: "I'd put my money on the Escort name staying. The Escort was Ford's first European car. the new one will be a *global car and the name* Escort is familiar in markets throughout the world."

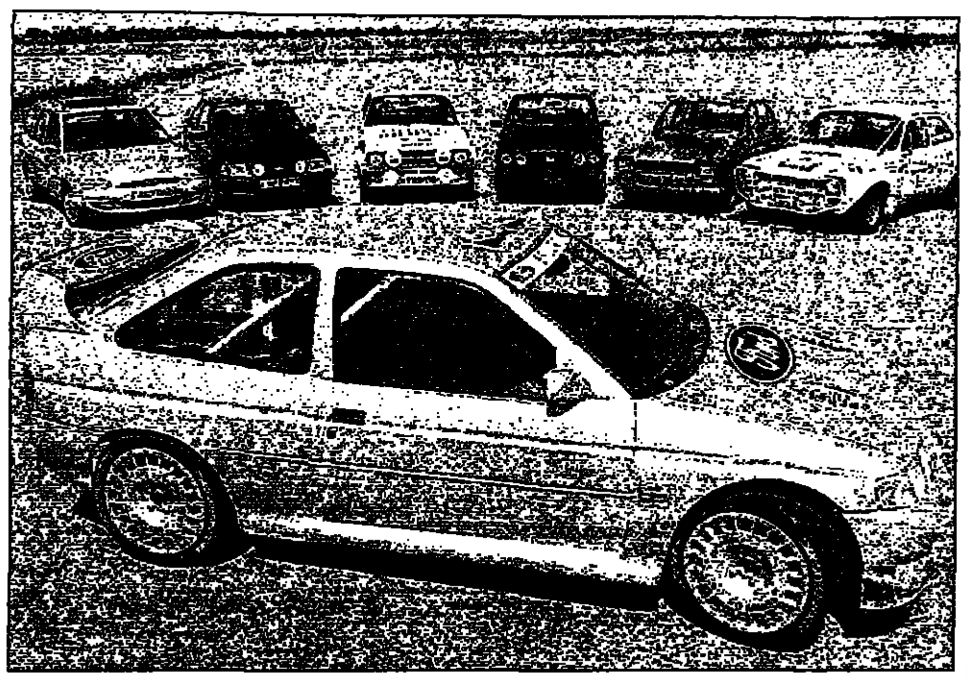
In Ford's Heritage collection the Escort is well represented from the car in which Gunnar Palm and Hannu Mikkola won the 1970 London-Mexico rally to the similar car in which the same team won the re-run of that event 25 years later. There is also Henry Ford II's *customised* Escort, an RS 2000 from 1976 with metallic paint. automatic transmission, leather seats and a built-in dictation machine.

The Escort started as basic transport, a successor to the much-loved Anglia. The first models had two doors only and in 1968 a de luxe version came at an on-the-road price of £635 9s 7d. Four-door versions and the first cars to bear the RS, Rallye Sport, prefix soon followed as the car rapidly found sporting success. But the oil crisis of 1973/74 and the advent of low-priced Japanese imports prompted the launch of the restyled Mk II, including the first cars to bear the Ghia badge.

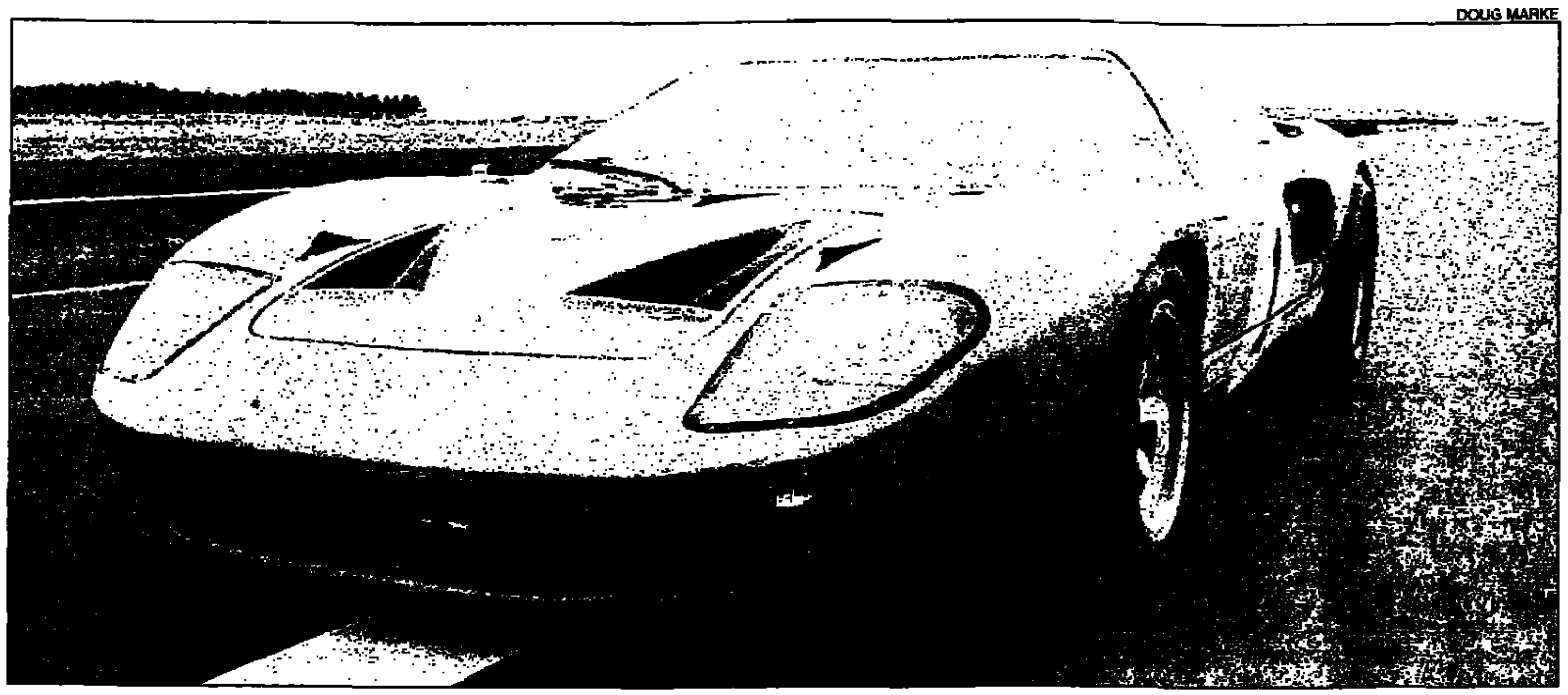
The Mark III arrived in July *1980 with hatchback bodywork* and front-wheel-drive, the most radical redesign in its long history. Another facelift and new engines followed in 1986 during a period when the Escort was Britain's top selling car for eight successive years.

The current Mk V arrived in August 1990. The cheapest three-door Encore models now cost £10,835 and the current price list shows 74 variants from the Encore to the automatic Ghia Cabriolet at £17,915.

But the car has retained that mix of mass appeal and sporting success from the humble family hatch to the fearsome World Rally Car with a 300bhp Cosworth engine. Above all, the Escort endures.



The World Rally car with other Escorts from the Ford Heritage collection



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Four times Le Mans winner GT40 in more familiar racing guise: designed more than 30 years ago, but on looks alone it could have been yesterday

A rare beast on the road

The earth moves and heads constantly turn as **Stuart Birch** takes a spin in the Ford GT40

The question was asked time after time by many people across several counties: "Is it a genuine GT40?" I was happy to say it was. All were delighted at the news, looking in awe, envy and longing at the impossibly low-slung, silver projectile. Then came the supplementary question: "Is it yours?" I was sad to tell them that it was not.

The crowd-pulling car with registration plate DWC 8 G belongs to the Ford Motor Company. For GT40 aficionados — and there are a lot about — it is a Mk III, was manufactured in 1968 and has covered less than 20,000 miles. Those who really have the low-down on this car will know that 40 denotes its height in inches. The GT40 was designed more than 30 years ago but on looks alone it could have been yesterday. Ford's GT cars won the Le Mans endurance race four times in the 1960s and many other sports car events. But of the 121 GT40s completed, only seven were built specifically for road use. DWC 8 G was the last of them.

Its V8 engine is a "mere" five litres, putting out 306bhp, compared to the *1966 Le Mans car's seven litres and* 500-plus bhp, but it is muscular enough to make your eyes water, your ears ring and to give your lips a permanent smile. Squeeze the throttle, shift quickly through the slick, close-ratio. five-speed gearbox, allow the engine to deliver deafening decibels, and the earth moves beneath its fat tyres in the most satisfying way imaginable.

But this is not a car that you just hop into and drive. "You will need to have a preliminary fitting," said Mike Platts, one of Ford's senior brand managers, who knows the car well and had asked me if I would like to accompany him on the Norwich Union RAC Classic drive. "The major problem is whether your feet are too big to operate the pedals and whether the door, which forms part of the roof, can be shut without scalping you."

The car, together with another non-road going GT40, is looked after by Bryan Wingfield on behalf of Ford. He glanced at my shoes and said: "Impossible. Too broad. Have you brought another pair?" I had. He looked at them dubiously. "Might do. How tall?" *I said, apologetically, that I was six foot* one and a bit.

The driver's door incorporates half the roof, which makes getting in at least possible. The sequence is to step over the wide sill, stand on the leather seat, hold on to the rear of the roof and gently *lower yourself* into the cockpit with legs either side of the low steering wheel. It is exactly like getting into a jet fighter — but jet fighters do not have gearlevers, and the GT40's went straight up my left trouser leg.

I tried again and at last settled in the semi-reclining seat. I found I could just operate the pedals safely, but that my knees were jammed on the dashboard. The door was shut and I ducked involuntarily. *My scalp remained* attached.

It was time to drive: the fuel pump ticked frenziedly and then the great engine roared. Somehow I managed to press the pedals in the correct order, which was a relief, as DWC is insured for half a million pounds. To change gear I moved my left leg as far to the right as possible. My arms were bent in the early Land Rover position. I hated it. And people drove these things at Le Mans for hour after hour, at up to *218mph in the wet and the dark? Crazy.*

But gradually I relaxed, and as confidence and miles built, I discovered what the GT40 is all about. I found myself double declutching for the hell of it, the car blasting through tight corners with total grip, its magnificent engine barking and growling and gulping fuel through its big, four-choke Holley carburettor. With my eyes about level with the rear bumper of a Fiesta. 40mph was a thrill, 70mph an adventure — and there was still 100mph in reserve.

So the fitting had been successful: the serious wearing would be a full day's muscle-stretching motoring on the Classic drive. Platts and I shared a 100-plus mile drive to the Norwich start and then 150 miles on the event, including some really quick stuff on the Lotus and Millbrook test tracks and the Silverstone race circuit. The heat *from the mid-mounted* engine turned the cockpit into a mobile sauna and conversation was just an exchange of shouts above the cacophony.

The GT40's ride is surprisingly good but with just 3in of ground clearance, every bump, every pothole, every wave in the road surface had to be viewed as a potential chassis basher. There were rattles and creaks and occasionally esoteric graunching noises from somewhere beneath the floor.

But despite all this — perhaps because of it — the GT40 is a wonderful machine. Ferraris? Astons? Jags? Forget them. For sheer high-speed masochistic driving pleasure, this roaring Fordie beats the lot.

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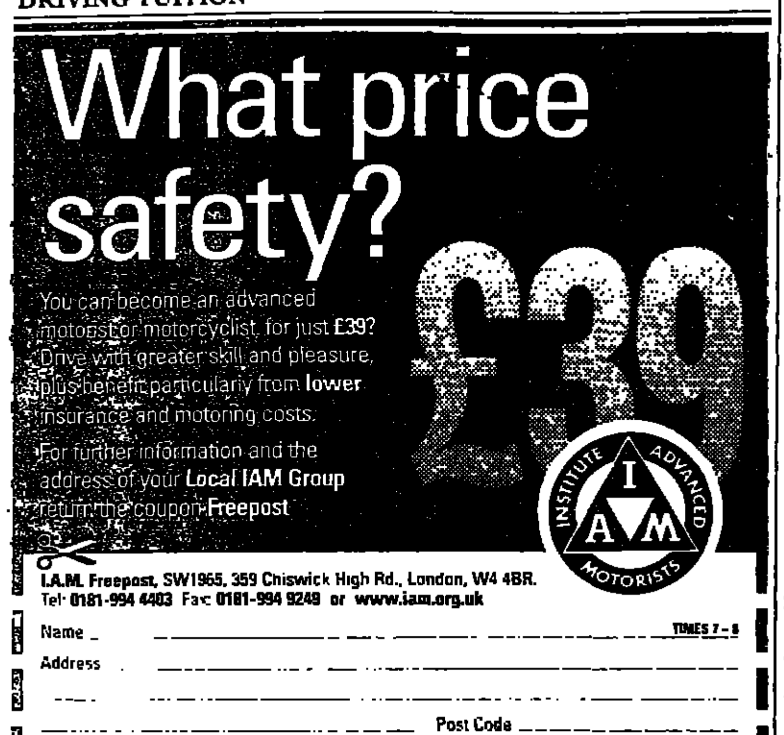

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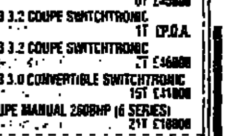

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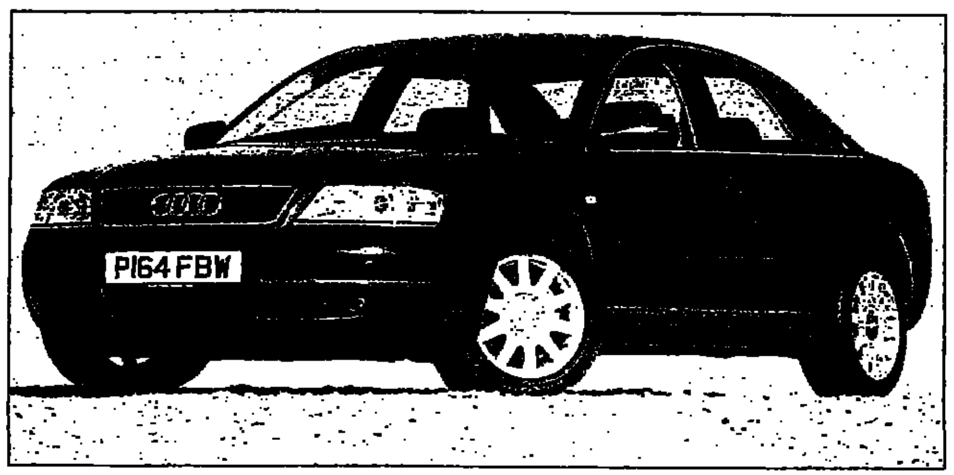
Audi A6 2.4: upping the stakes in that middle range of cars dominated by company sales

There was an ulterior motive to this road test and it involved the premise so eloquently invoked by the icons of the modern age, the Spice Girls. You see, what I want, what I really, really want is an Audi A6, *writes Kevin Eason.*

I love it to death, every angle, every curve. But let's be honest, for honesty is the best policy on a page where the taxman can see straight through my annual income to a debt the like of which is normally run up by a small South American Republic: I have no money, so owning an A6 is a distinctly unlikely idea.

However, my good lady wife is a high-powered executive. One of those sorts with a mobile phone, designer clothes, a secretary . . . and — ha, ha — a company car. Yes, a woman of means, even if those means are somebody else's.

There is a huge, and so far insurmountable, problem however. The poor deluded woman has fallen into the trap of desperately wanting that middle-class motoring talisman, the BMW 3-series.

But I was not born devious for nothing, and decided that a weekend with a top-of-the-range A6 would leave an indelible impression on her unfathomable motoring mind which would mean the end of her BMW obsession — and the entrance of an A6 which, admittedly though her company car, would still become part of the Eason household.

So Audi kindly delivered an A6 2.4 to my humble semi-detached door and left the keys. It sat there in the drive: a metallic peppermint green, the roof that angled ski-slope to a *rounded rear bumper, quite* different to the usual deeply mundane mid-range company motors. Inside, air-conditioning, a sound system to blow her mind (so that even her appalling *Gerard Kenny sings Cole Porter* tape would come close to acceptable) and lots of room.

And it was so easy to drive: bags of power from the smooth V6, easy *gearchange* — all right, not slick but still easy — masses of glass and a boot big enough to house Billy Smart's Big Top. I loved it.

The big test was Saturday morning. How lovely you look today, please take my car, I'd love you you to take it (yes, I know I don't normally like your driving, but just this once). Sweetie. Darling.

Off she went like a woman possessed, firing into the Twilight Zone, high-heeled size 6 dumped on the throttle with the delicacy of a Gladiator attempting *Swan Lake.*

Two hours later, she returned. And? Yes, big boot, good driving position, plenty of power, very pretty . . . but I want a 3-series. The woman is fixated. Nothing but a 3-series will do. Even if the 3-series remains a driving icon, the A6 has upped the stakes in that middle range of cars dominated by company sales. Which is why I want one. Perhaps gentle persuasion will have to give way to outright bribery and an expensive dinner. I must be desperate.

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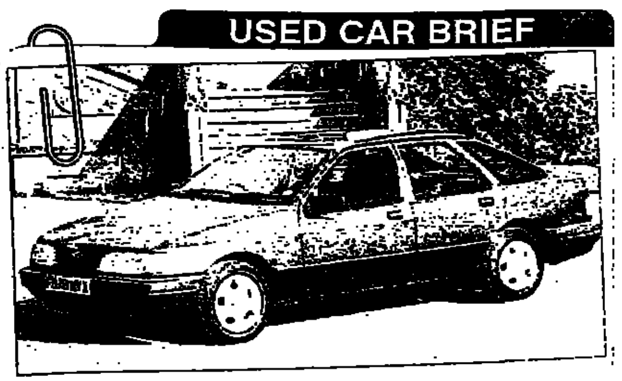

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The Sierra made waves when it was launched in 1982 as the jelly-mould replacement for the popular Cortina. For a decade, the Sierra was among the country's best sellers and 1.3 million were bought in Britain alone. As well as two body shapes, the Sierra used 1.6, 1.8 and 2-litre, 2.3 and 2.8 V6 petrols and 1.8 and 2.3-litre diesels

✓ **GOOD NEWS**
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⊘ **BAD NEWS**
Age, for even the newest Sierras date from the early 1990s. Watch for worn engines (blue smoke from exhaust), general rust, broken parcel shelves and tatty trim and interior. Also check whether brake discs are warped for cracked headlamps and general stone chipping to front paintwork

LOOK FOR
Saloon versions which did not arrive until 1987, badged as the Sapphire. Saloons tend to ride, drive and look much better than the original five-door hatchback. Best buys are the top specification LX, GLX and Ghia models with central locking and electric windows, sunroof and alarm

AVOID
Older cars which are likely to show signs of rust on rear wheel arches, under bonnet and door bottoms. They are best avoided since there is such a wide choice of newer models available. The 1.6-litres are underpowered while high-performance Cosworth and 4x4 models need careful appraisal and checks on history

△ **SAFETY**
Ranked below average in the Department of Transport ratings, ahead only of the Toyota Carina of the late Eighties but inferior to more than 20 other models, including the Mazda 626, Peugeot 405, and Sierra's successor, the Mondeo

INSURANCE
Cover from *AA Insurance (Tel: 0800-444777)* on a 1990 Sierra 1.8GL costs a 55-year-old professional, male or female, living in Winchester with full no claims £145 a year fully comprehensive. A 22-year-old male with one year no claims living in South London pays £781 a year fully comp, a similar female £847

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£ **PRICES**
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OVERALL
The great strength of the Sierra is simply choice: they are around in such numbers. Parts prices and repair costs are low, running costs at easy-budget level. Although the Sierra/Sapphire seems unsophisticated compared to modern-day equivalents, it offers honest A to B motoring

Inner space

FORECOURT

■ LAUNCHED in 1994, the Fiat Punto marries good handling in a supermini shape with plenty of room inside, *writes Vaughan Freeman.*

It is also quiet to drive, and the controls are well laid out. Despite its exterior dimensions, Fiat has made the most of the room inside and there is excellent boot space for that weekly shop, reports *CAP Black Book.*

However, it is not as well built as the rival Nissan Micra or the Corsa from Vauxhall, the seats are poor, and at low speed the steering can be heavy. Best buy is the 1994 M-reg 55SX five-door, which costs in the region of £5,000.

■ BUILT by the Spanish-based but VW-owned Seat operation, the Ibiza manages to blend quite convincingly Germanic levels of build quality with value for money motoring, and also looks nicely trendy.

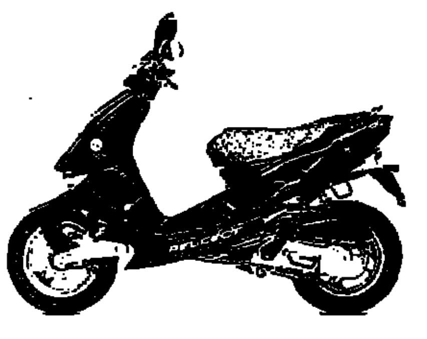
Certainly the new Ibiza (launched three years ago) is Seat's best car to date. Disadvantages include a fairly hard ride, few of the safety features now taken for granted in rival marques, and no split rear seats in smaller engined variants. Best buy is the 1995 N-reg 1.4 CLS five-door at around £6,000.

■ THE cheapest Lexus yet will send shivers down spines in the boardrooms of the European luxury carmakers. The Lexus GS300 Legato goes on sale at £30,385 (£31,499 with leather trim), putting the car firmly into territory traditionally dominated by Mercedes and BMW.

Even at that price, the Legato gets a ton of equipment: air-conditioning to alloy wheels, sports suspension, cruise control, automatic transmission, electronically-controlled steering column adjustment, nine-speaker audio — and a three-year/60,000-mile warranty. Britain is already the best hunting ground in Europe for Lexus — the luxury offshoot of Toyota of Japan — with sales up 17 per cent last year. Britain now accounts for 60 per cent of all Lexus sales in Europe.

Lexus Legato: moving into territory dominated by Mercedes and BMW

SPARE PARTS



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■ FORD is gearing up for its most exciting launch of the year with the entrance of the Puma coupé. The car promises to continue the styling revolution started by the Ka as a sleek two-door based on the platform and mechanicals of the Fiesta.

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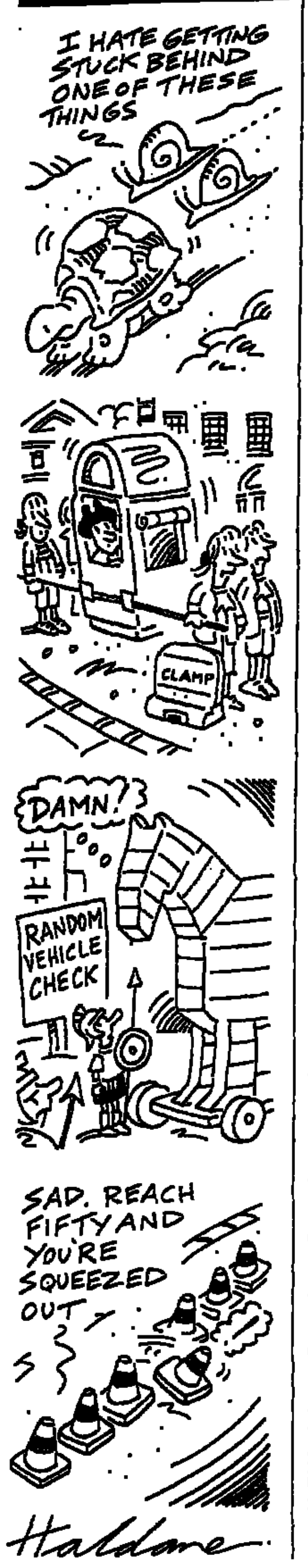
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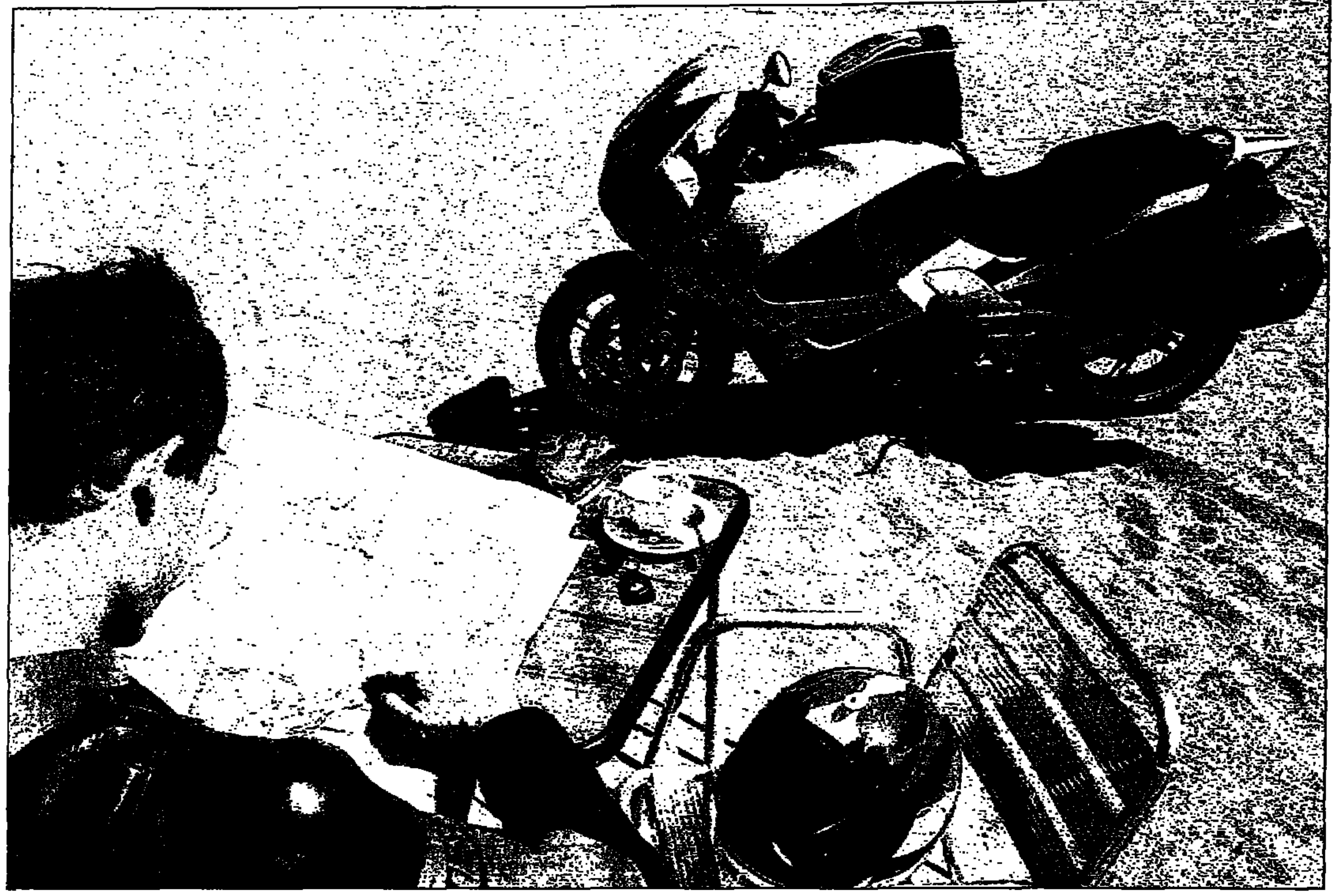

Exhilarating K1200RS: twisting the throttle sent the BMW storming forward almost regardless of where the tachometer needle was pointed

With its striking styling, aluminium frame, innovative front suspension system and powerful four-cylinder engine, BMW's K1200RS is every millimetre a modern superbike. It is also a very long way indeed from being a traditional BMW — not least because its engine's 130bhp output blasts a huge hole in the German firm's self-appointed and, until now, religiously upheld limit of 100bhp.

In recent years a series of increasingly bold, even downright wacky, bikes have helped BMW shed its image (among motorcyclists, at least) as purveyors of well-engineered but rather bland roadsters to a loyal middle-aged clientele. There is nothing remotely dull about the K1200RS's appearance, with its chequered graphics on streamlined yellow bodywork. Neither is there anything boring about the way the 16-valve RS rockets to a top speed of 150mph.

The K1200RS is still very much a BMW, for all that. When its makers describe the RS as a sports-tourer, unlike most manufacturers they place as much emphasis on the touring side of the equation as the sports. This is a bike not for racetracks or even Sunday morning scratching, but for long-distance road riding where the object is to reach your destination quickly, relaxed in mind and body, and having had a lot of fun on the way. This BMW might have flash paintwork, but it also has adjustable ergonomics, anti-lock brakes and shaft final drive.

Its engine is a revamped version of the firm's familiar longitudinally mounted in-line four, its capacity increased to 1171cc by use of a longer-stroke crankshaft. More performance is added by lightweight pistons and valve-gear, and a higher compression ratio — all of which contribute to its peak output of 130bhp at 8,750rpm, making it by far BMW's most powerful bike ever.

The RS's chassis is completely new and very different to that of its K1100RS predecessor, not just because its frame is made from aluminium instead of steel, but because the engine is rubber-mounted to reduce the vibration that has afflicted previous K-series bikes. Front suspension is by a revised version of BMW's Telelever system, which links hollow fork legs via rods to a vertically mounted shock absorber. The single-sided rear swing-arm and drive-shaft housing also works a single shock, placed diagonally on the right.

BMW's launch format involved flying to Barcelona and then riding the 1,200 or so miles home. Even before leaving Barcelona, the RS began to impress: in typical BMW fashion there is a degree of adjustment in handlebars, seat and footrests. The screen can also be set in one of two positions, the higher of which diverted the breeze from my head and chest efficiently, as I headed towards Perpignan, but produced more wind roar than the best touring screens.

I'd expected comfort from the RS. What I hadn't been prepared for was the exhilarating performance of its fuel-injected engine, which combines high-rev power with the K-series motor's traditionally generous midrange torque. Twisting the throttle sent the big BMW storming forward almost regardless of where its tachometer needle was pointed. This made for effortless overtaking when I left the autoroute north of Toulouse, preferring the more interesting N20 that snakes towards Limoges and Orleans.

Changing gear was no problem on the K1200RS, whose new six-speed gearbox is not just the best ever fitted to a BMW, but the first to meet Japanese standards. One occasional gearbox-related concern was remembering to change into top, so efficient is the RS's rubber-mounting system. A slight buzz intrudes at about 4,500rpm, ironically the useful 85mph-in-top-gear cruising zone. But at all other speeds the BMW feels supremely smooth and refined.

Handling is very good, too. This is not a bike for knee-scraping cornering: it's too long, too heavy, its steering geometry is too conservative and its suspension too soft. But it has a pleasantly neutral and stable steering feel, excellent grip from its Metzeler MEZ4 radial tyres, and enough ground clearance to allow fun on a twisty road. Its front suspension eradicates fork dive under braking almost completely, soaking up bumps even when the powerful brakes — fitted with an uprated and impressive anti-lock system — are used hard.

Although, at 260kg dry, the RS is no heavier than comparable sports-tourers such as Kawasaki's ZZ-R1100 and Suzuki's GSX1100F, it is a big machine that could be intimidating, especially for shorter riders. A more annoying limitation is lack of fuel capacity. The engine's thirst when used hard means that the 21-litre fuel tank gives a range of under 150 miles — much less than is needed from a bike whose comfort allowed me to ride the 800 miles home from Carcassonne in southern France in a day with no aches.

Inevitably this top-of-the-range BMW is also expensive. Its basic price is £11,950, to which the optional extras — luggage, heated handlebar grips and multi-colour paint scheme (options are plain red or blue) — adds £1,500-plus. But if long-distance speed, comfort and style are what you require, the BMW has much to offer. If I had to ride back to Barcelona tomorrow, I would choose a K1200RS.

BMW K1200RS

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Film stuntman Frank Henson with his wife's demonic numberplate: "We get them mostly for fun"

It could be you choosing the right numbers

Posh plates are no longer just for the vain and famous, says

Vaughan Freeman

For some they are still the naffest symbol of vanity, but the personalised numberplate is now more likely to belong to a self-employed businessman with a healthy sense of self-irony than to a loutish rock star or loud-mouthed comedian.

Certainly they are hugely popular — and not just among egotistic male drivers. A sales analysis show that a quarter of the cherished or personalised numberplates sold each year are bought by women.

Since sales started in earnest eight years ago, almost £250 million worth have been sold either at auction or over the telephone, with the money swelling the Treasury coffers. And the numbers game continues this weekend, with the first Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency auction to be held over a Saturday and Sunday, at the Ascot race course.

Appropriately, in the week leading up to the great Ascot races, and the venue, plates with a horsey theme will feature, including FII LLY, BET 1S, R1 DER, 2 NEY and R1 DES.

The Prime Minister might be tempted to bid for a new number for his Ford Galaxy as BLA 11R is on offer, and any airline pilot who wants to personalise his or her car might go for A747 JET. Motorists who like the world to be on first-name terms with them will be able to go home with plates that make the introduction more effectively than any business card, such as AND 111E, ANG 111E, AVR 11L, BAR 11E, CLA 11R, SUE 1E, and 66 LYN.

Who buys such numbers? The average asking price is around £3,500 and some sell for less than £1,000, but others fetch much more, such as 1A which sold for £200,000, K1 NGS which went for a record £231,000, 1 PR which went for £106,000, and B1 MBO which was sold for £18,000.

Not all are bought by the rich, famous and vainglorious. Stuntman Frank Henson, seen leaping, fighting and being blown up in films like *Casino Royale*, *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* and *Brannigan*, loves them for the fun value: so much so that all three family cars carry personalised plates.

Frank's Fiesta carries 11 HEN, his wife Marion's battered Escort Cabriolet has the demonic HEN 666, and son Franklin's car carries A1 FFH. For the most part the plates are worth more than the somewhat tatty cars to which they are fitted.

"It started in the early '70s when I bought a personalised plate for my son, 6FFH, and had it on a Lotus Europa," Henson says. That plate only cost £45, compared to the £3,000 or so he had to pay for 11 HEN: "It's partly an ego thing, but since the plates are worth more than our cars we get them mostly for fun. My wife especially loves her devil number."

Byron Roberts, DVLA marketing manager, says: "When we held our first classic collection auction of personalised numbers at Christie's in 1989, people arrived in Rolls-Royces and stretch limos, and were clearly wealthy. In an hour and a half that first sale brought in £1.5 million.

"Over the years, however, the image of the personalised plate, and the sort of people who are buying them, has changed markedly. Although the amount of money being spent has actually increased, the clientele is very different and the myth that these plates are just for millionaires has been exploded.

"Anyone who is reasonably successful in business aspires to their own personalised plate, and we regularly get customers turning up in tatty jeans and worn trainers with a fistful of cash to bid. It's all walks of life, all ages, all colours and shapes.

"The average price is around £3,000, still a lot of money for something that doesn't actually make your car go any quicker, but it does enhance the image of the driver."

Further details of this weekend's auction from the CMA Group, Central House, Pontefract Road, Rothwell, Leeds, 0113-282 0707.

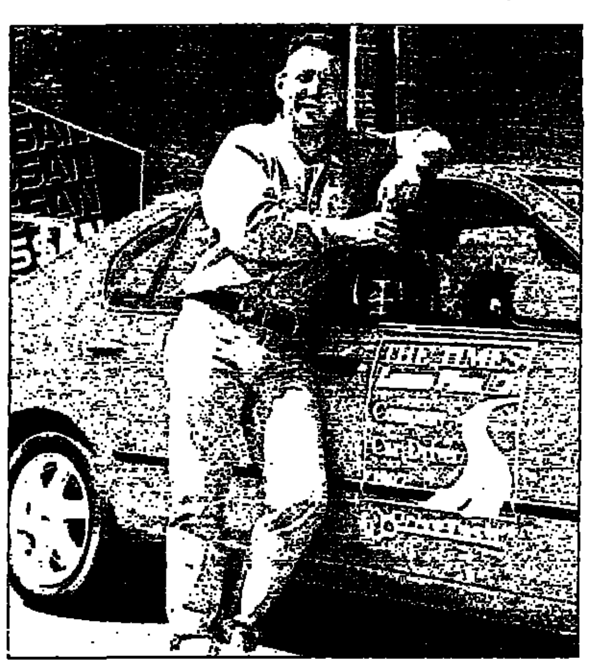
April Carrington: second appearance at Silverstone

Female company

A THIRD woman has joined the line up for the finals of our annual quest to find Britain's best company car driver and for April Carrington it will be her second appearance in the final at Silverstone.

As April Shaw, before she married, she became the first woman to win a heat of *The Times*/Lease Plan contest in 1995. Last Friday in Nottingham she repeated that triumph. April, a senior sales executive with Hitachi Credit UK, praised her company's commitment to driver training: "Until I went on a course I'd never have dreamed of entering a competition like this. But in two years the standard has got much higher."

Winner of the other Nottingham heat was David Cobb, contracts manager for builders Baldwin & Co of Morley, Leeds. David, who drives in club rallies, said he really enjoyed the skid car exercise, which many other entrants have found a bit daunting.



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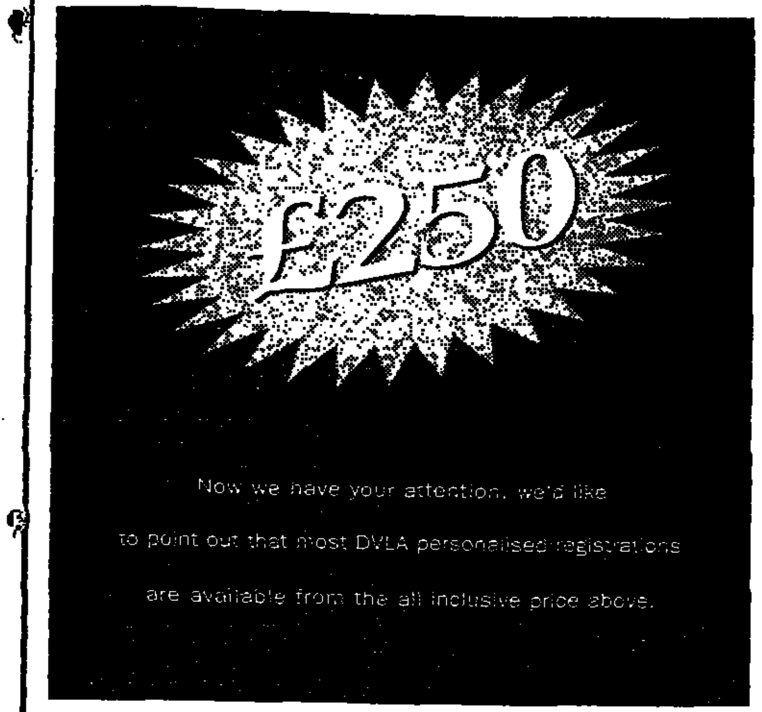

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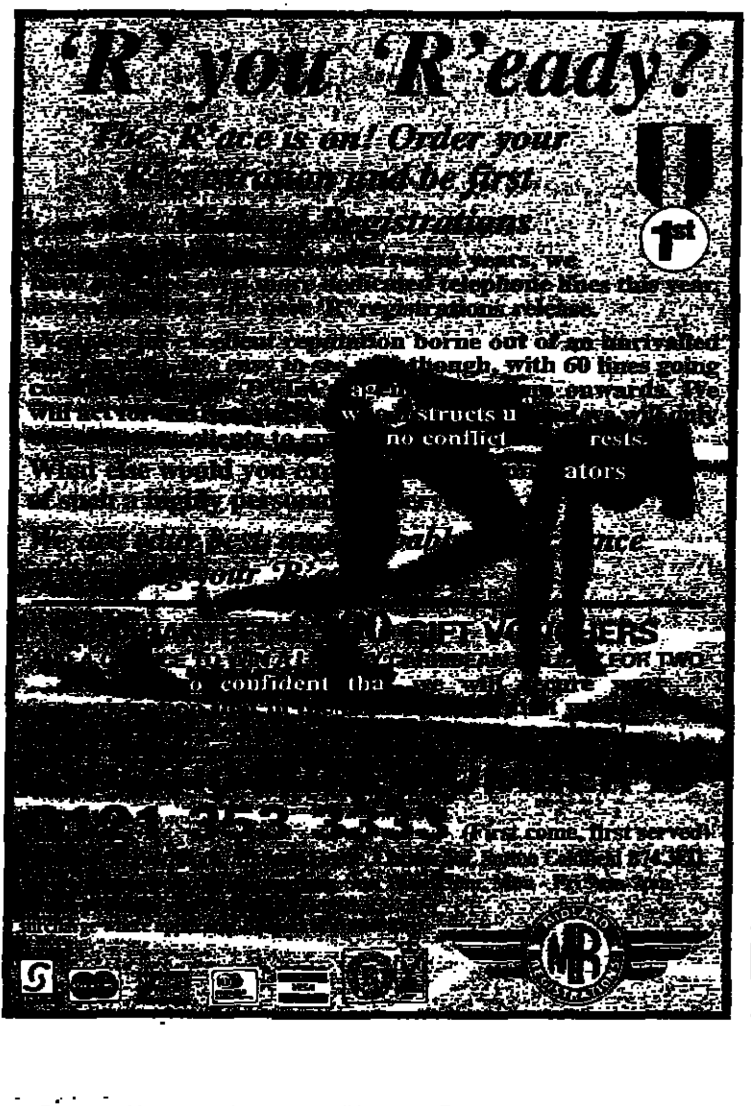

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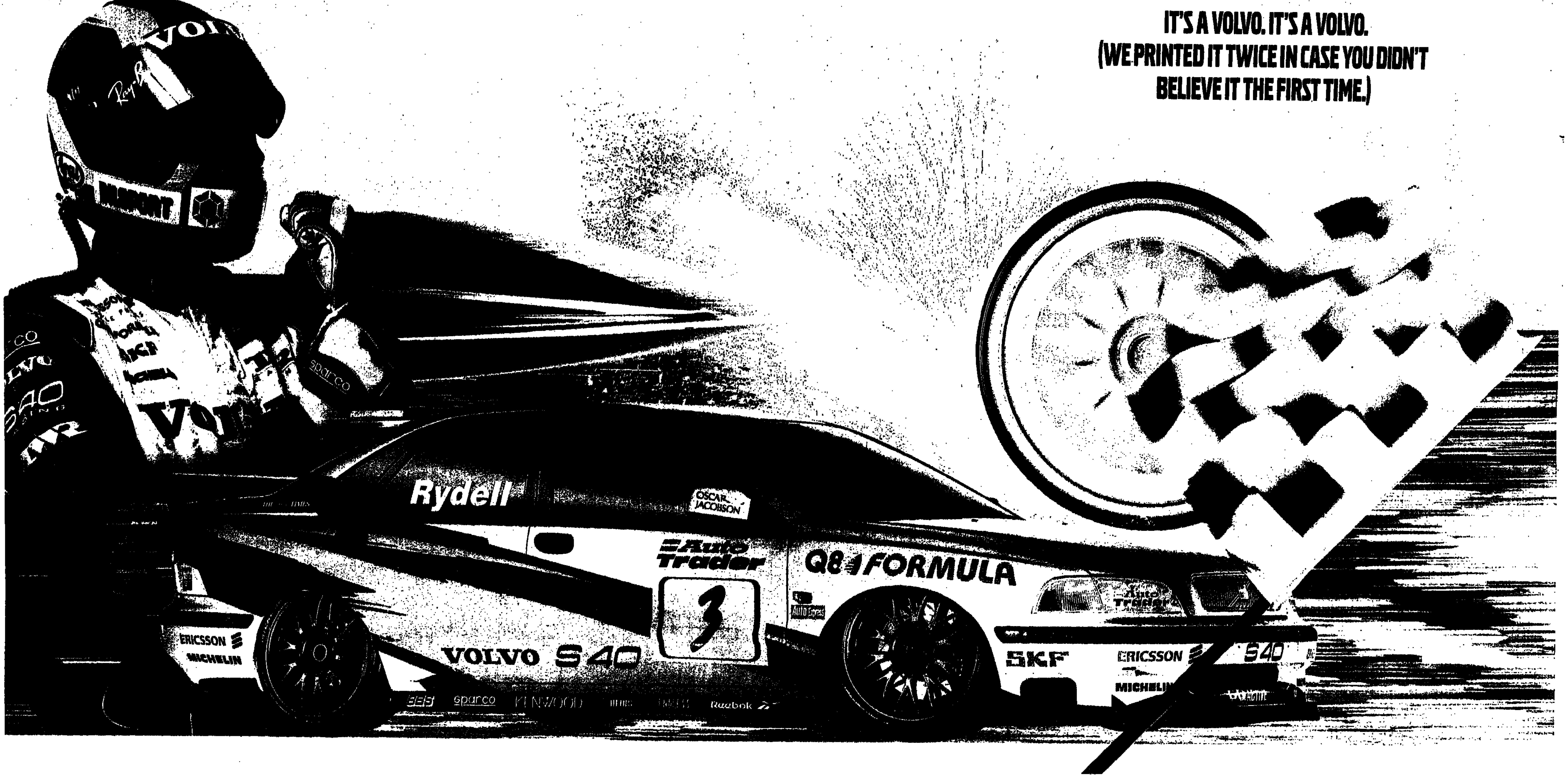

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